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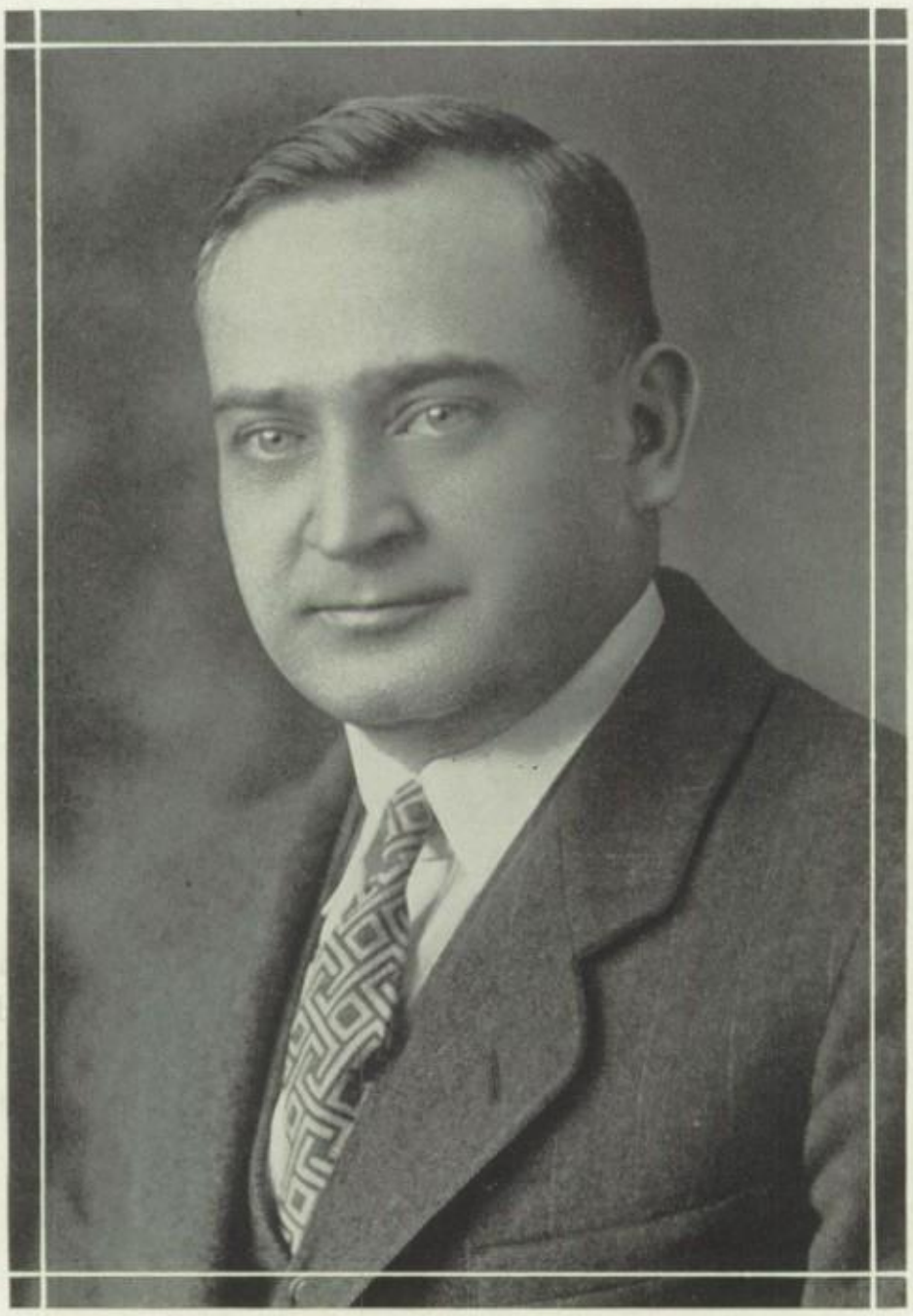
Foreword

We submit this book to you, friendly readers, not that you may compare it with other publications of a similar type and say, "just here you fail or here o'er step the mark"; but with the hope that the ideas expressed may find an echo in your hearts. ¶ May this seventh volume of the Swissvalian furnish a happy hour for you, filled with laughter and pleasant memories.

Dedication

Both time and space would fail us
If we tried to name the ways,
In which you've helped and guided us
In all our high school days,
And so to you we dedicate this book,
And hope you may
Find in its leaves some inkling
Of the things we'd like to say.



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Class Poem

Though the fairies that knew of this rose were few
They all have said that my tale is true.
The tale I am going to tell to you.

. . . . . .

In the Valley of Sharon a rose bud grew
It was kissed by the sun, and bathed by the dew
And it played as it grew, as I or you,
Till the sun went down and the world turned blue.

And none but the elves and the fairies knew
Of this beautiful land where the roses grew,
And the flowers were glad, as they bent to sway
For the strife of the world was far away.

But the heart of my little rose was sad
In this beautiful land where all was glad,
For it longed to go to the world of strife
And gladden the heart of a human life.

So the little bud mourned on and on
From the set of sun till the break of dawn,
Until through the valley, one beautiful day,
Came a little lad who had lost his way.

There were tears in the eyes of this little child
Till he saw the pretty rose—and smiled
And the rose smiled back, as if to say,
"You are lost little boy; but I know the way."

And so as a breeze blew through the glen,
The rose bud bowed toward the land of men
And showed him the way o'er the hill's blue dome,
Back to the world, to his humble home.

So the little rose was happy then
For its work was done in the land of men,
And it played and laughed until at last
To the heaven of flowers, it gently passed.

. . . . . .

And so, dear class, I repeat again,
Let us strive for the good of our fellowmen
And thus, as life draws to a close
We've accomplished our task, like the little rose.

Edward S. Cramer '27

January Senior Class

OFFICERS

President ..... Don Madigan
Secretary ..... Lois Schultz
Treasurer ..... George Bortree

History

To many probably little has been seen or heard of our small but talented class. However, we have turned out to be a class well represented in sports, music, art, and the social activities of the school.

In January 1923, forty-two of us entered Swissvale High. Our first president was Bill Reynolds who faithfully worked and served us until our Junior year when the honor was turned over to Don Madigan. But I am progressing too rapidly. In our Sophomore year we held a party in Room 5, where everyone enjoyed himself playing such games as "Farmer in the Dell", "Wink", and "Drop the Handkerchief".

In our Junior year we concentrated all our energies on the "Prom". It was a very elaborate affair of heliotrope and light green, and satisfied not only ourselves but the honor guests, the Senior Class of January, 1926.

Now our Senior year is ended. It has been a busy and eventful one. Our long-looked-for rings arrived, exams passed over us without fatality, the senior play set a new standard in histrionic achievements, the "Prom" left us breathless, and class night and Commencement with nothing more to be desired.

In closing we wish to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the Faculty and members of the Swissvale School Board. We also give our best wishes for the success and happiness of the June Class of 1927.

Lois Schultz '27.

GEORGE R. BORTREE—"George"

Science Club '25, '26; Class Treasurer '26.

His bashfulness left him in his Senior year, which was a good thing for him while still better for the class.

LOIS SHULTZ—"Lois"

Glee Club '24, '25, '26; Operetta '24, '25, '26; Drama Club '25; Class Secretary '24, '25, '26, '27; Senior Play '27.

"Virtue is like a rich stone—best plain set."

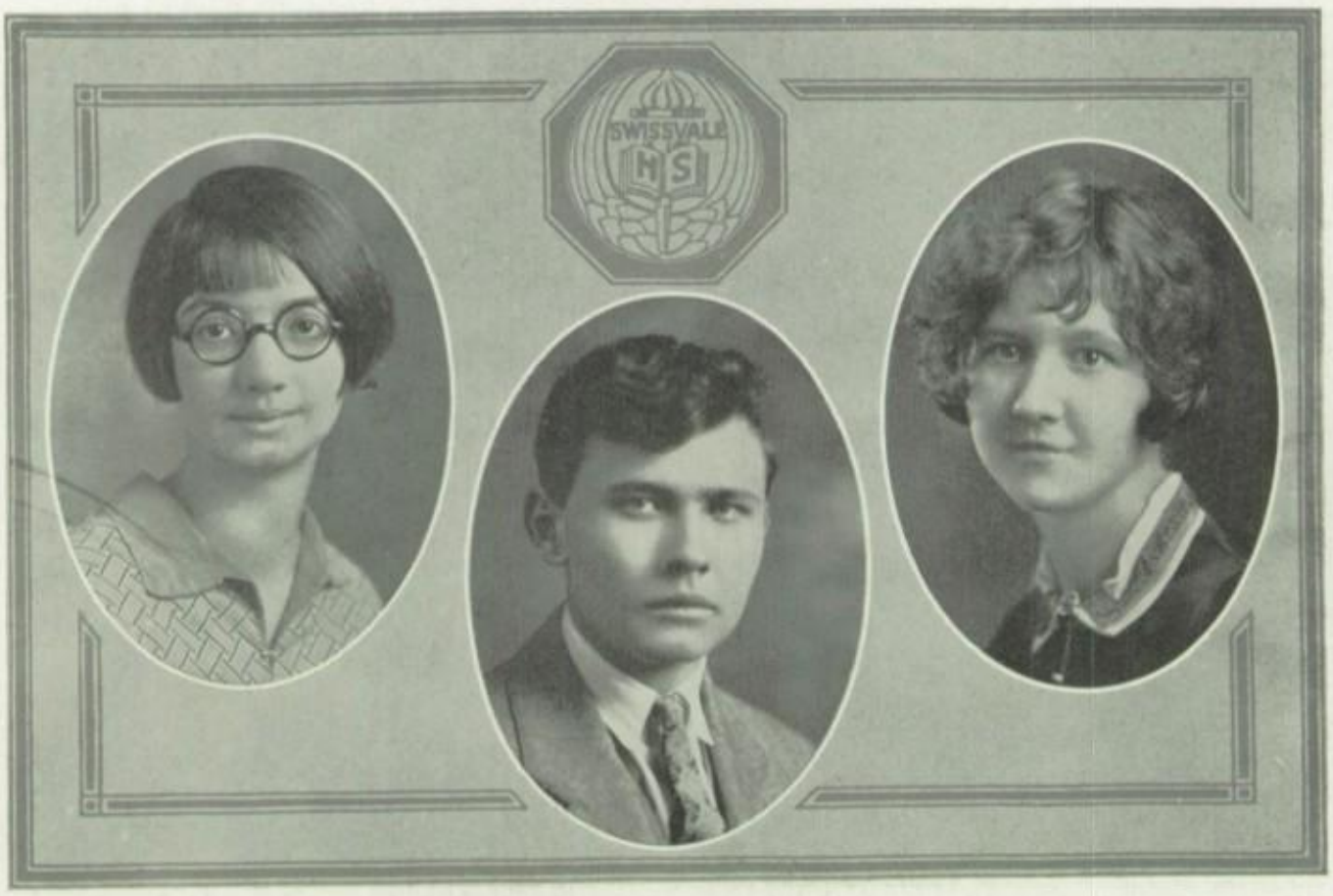
Lois not only proved to be an able Secretary, but she always ranked with the best in the class.

DONALD JOSEPH MADIGAN—"Don"

Wrestling Capt. '25; Drama Club '25, Secretary '25, Treasurer '26; Science Club '25; Chemistry Club '26; Swissvalian Staff '26, '27; Valistic Editor-in-Chief '26; Athletic Assn. '26; Class President '25, '26; Senior Play '27.

"'Tis a wise saying, 'Drive on your own track'."

Don has certainly been a Hercules for carrying work and responsibility; we think the secret of his strength lies in his cheerful grin and pleasing disposition.



DOROTHY MARIE BRAUN—"Dot."

Glee Club '24, '25, '26; Operetta '24, '25, '26; Lowell Literary Society; Senior Play '27; Drama Club '25.

"A tree is known by its fruits."

Among the accomplishments of Dot are the Salutatory and the composition of the Class Song for which we are greatly indebted to her.

JAMES ANDERSON—"Jim"

Science Club '24, '25, '26; Judge '25; Chief Judge '26; Ass't Basketball Mgr. '25; Basketball Mgr. '26.

"You cannot put the same shoe on every foot."

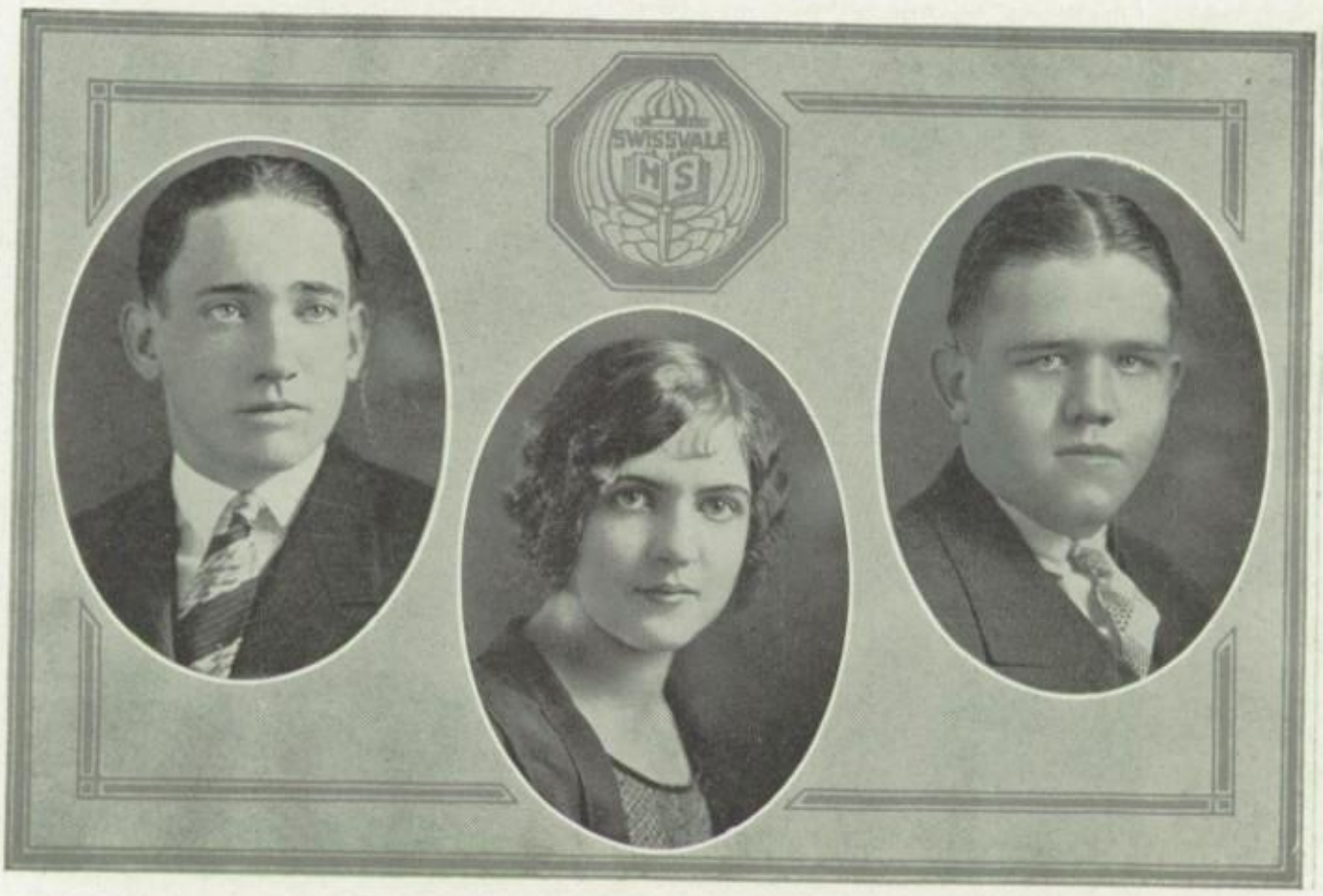
Quiet and unassuming is Jim, but a doer of deeds is he.

BERNICE ALTMAN—"Bernie"

Drama Club '24, '25; Glee Club '25, '26; Commercial Club '25, '26; Operetta '25, '26.

"Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace."

It had remained a dark, dark secret that Bernice could sing, but with the advent of "Miss Cherry Blossom" she surely proved it.



WILLIAM CAMPBELL—"BILL"

Football '25, '26.

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

A representative of the class in athletics. Truly, a fine sportsman. We are proud of you, Bill.

EVELYN KROPP—"EVE"

Art Club '25, '26, Treasurer '25; Drama Club '25, '26, Pres. '26; Valistic Staff '26.

"Set your affection on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth."

We have an artist in our midst. Evelyn has surely proved her ability in that line on many occasions.

CONRAD HULTGREN

Football '24, '25, '26.

"Simplicity of character is not hindrance to subtlety of intellect."

'Tis a good thing that Conrad is as big as he is because if not, there wouldn't be room for his athletic ability as well as his good-naturedness.

DORIS EADES—"Doris"

Glee Club '24, '25, '26; Operetta '24, '25, '26; Orchestra '24, '25, '26.

"A lovely lady, garmented in light from her own beauty."

Among the foremost musicians of the school stands our talented Doris. We know that in the future she will be appreciated by the world as much as she has been by us.

CARL G. LINDBERG—"Carl"

Physics Club '26.

"Never promise more than you can perform."

Carl is rather unusual. He did two things at once—work—and—study—and performed them both well.

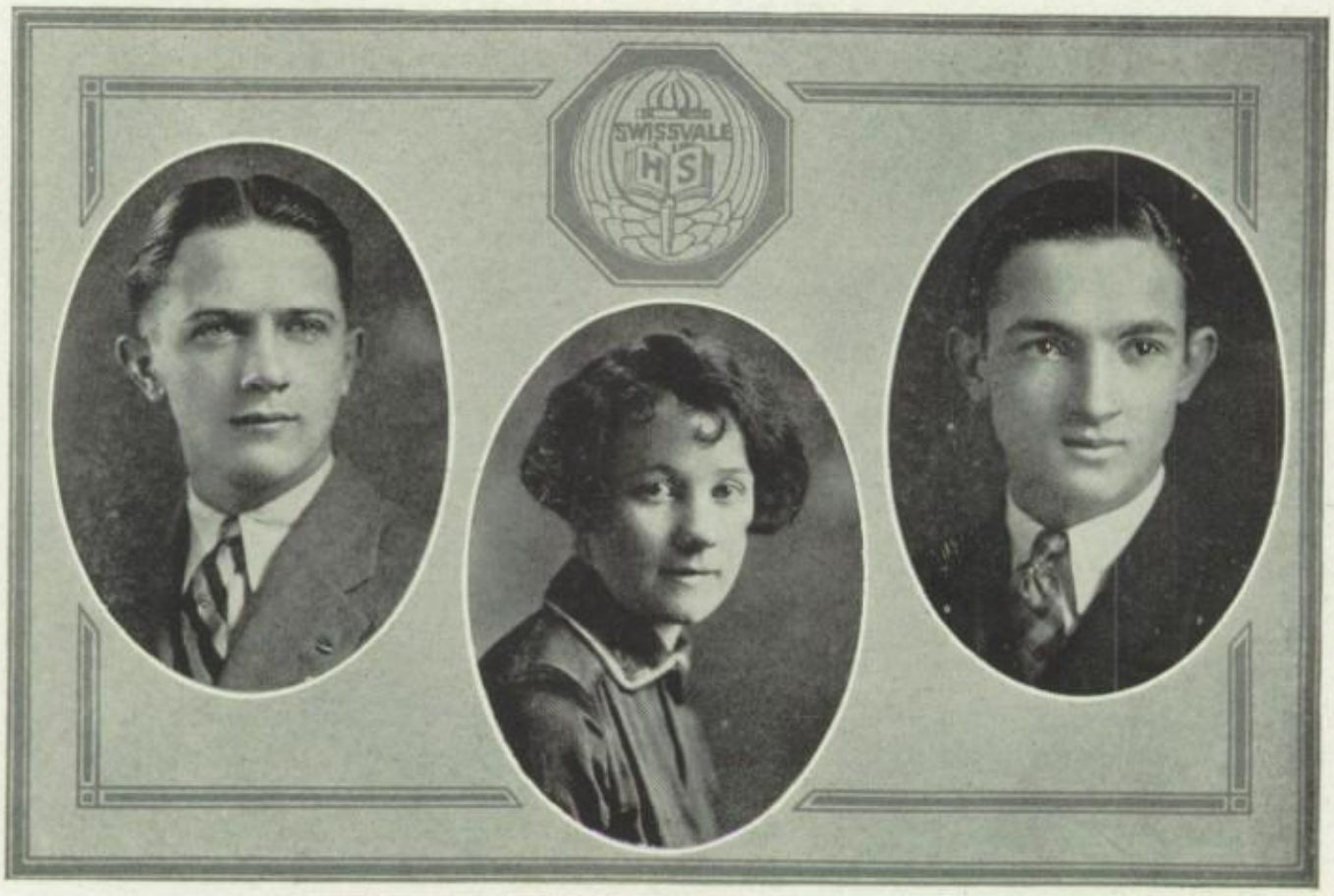
MARGARET ISLES—"Peg"

Glee Club '24, '25, '26, '27; Operetta '24, '25, '26, '27; Drama Club '25, '26; Valistic Staff '26, '27; Swissvalian Staff '26, '27; Senior Play '27.

"If eyes are made for seeing,

"Then beauty is its own excuse for being."

With her smilin' so beguilin' Peggy keeps us all happy. Tell us how it's done, Peggy?



WILLIAM BROWN REYNOLDS—"BILL"

Glee Club '24, '25, '26, '27; Operetta '24, '25, '26, '27; Assistant Football Manager '26, Football Manager '27; Valistic Staff '26; Physics Club '27; Class President '24; Senior Play '27.

"God helps them that helps themselves."

This cavalier has certainly helped himself to popularity in the school. His extraordinary genius for doing things may in part account for this.

HANNAH MAY GORHAM—"HANNAH"

Drama Club '24, '25, '26; Commercial Club '25, '26; Vice-President '26, President '27; Senior Play '27.

"Woman's at best a contradiction still."

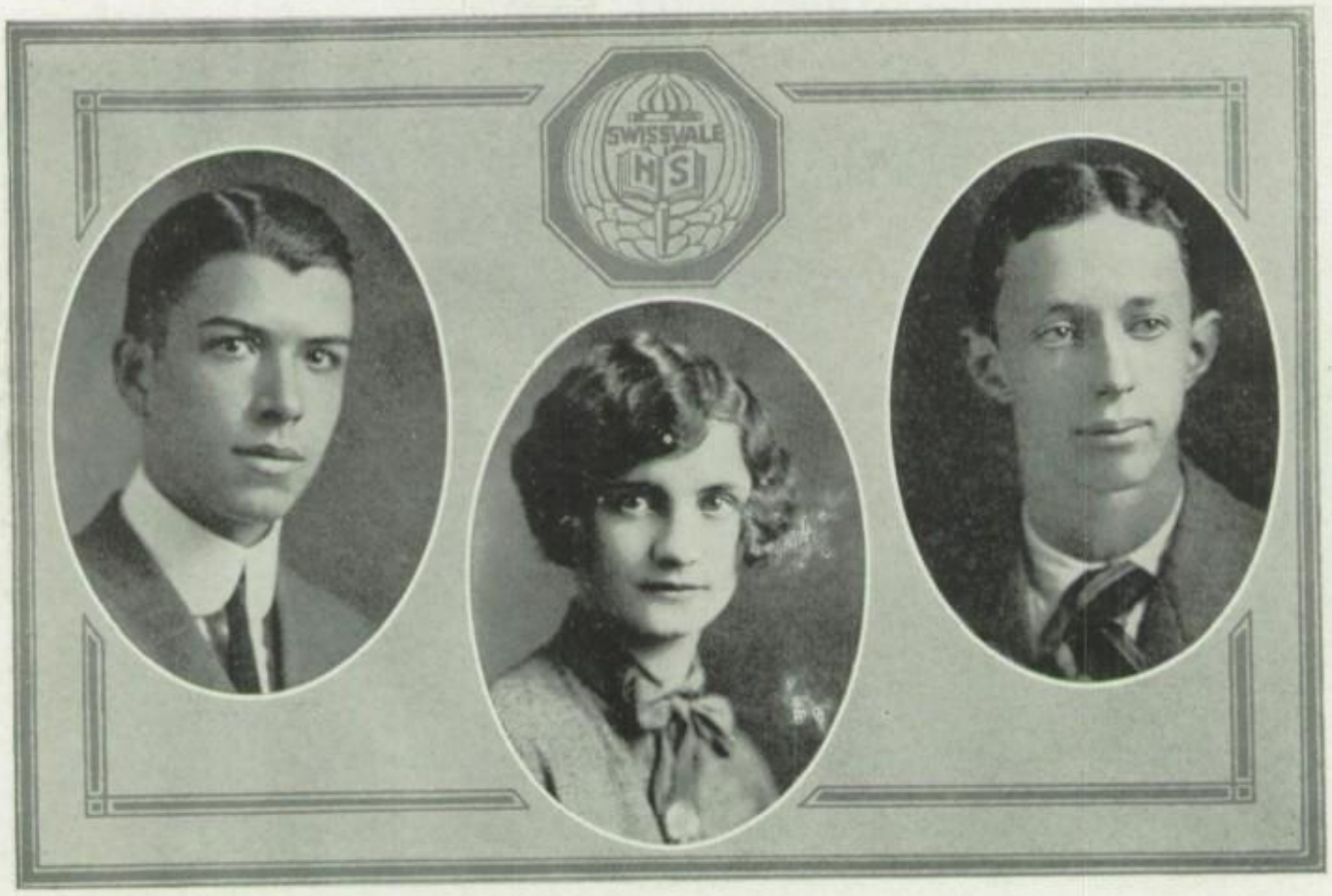
A helping hand here, a cheerful word there and ever eager to lend assistance for the betterment of the class.

STANLEY THOMPSON—"STAN"

Science Club '25; Physics Club '26; Senior Play '27.

"Moderation is the silken string running through the pearl chain of all virtues."

Judging by his performance and that of his orchestra on class night, Stan will no doubt become a director of fame.



ARTHUR H. WEGNER—"ART"

Drama Club '25; Vice-President '25; French Club '25, 26; Treasurer '25; Physics Club '27; Senior Play '27; Valedictorian.

"Today I have grown taller from walking with the trees."

All the while Art has been striving and working toward a goal. He has been rewarded with the honor of being the Class Valedictorian.

BLANCHE LAVINIA McCLURE—"BLANCHE"

Commercial Club '26; Treasurer '26.

"A witty woman is a treasure; a witty beauty is a power."

Blanche is a quiet girl and sometimes we did not know that she was with us but she probably believes that empty cans make the most noise.

THOMAS WILLIAM SHANE—"TOM"

Athletic Ass'n '26; Valistic Staff '26; Science Club '24; Chemistry Club '25; Art Club '24, '25, '26; Senior Play '27.

"None but himself can be his parallel."

One of the many artists of the class. Taking a part in the play means work, but to be business manager of that play deserves praise of the highest rank.

Senior Play

(From the Diary of a Native with apologies to S. Pepys and all subsequent diarists.)

January 21, 1927:—

To the town High School, where I did see "Wedding Bells" presented by the young folks who are soon to quit the place. The matter of the farce pertained to one Reggie Carter who was visited by his divorced wife, on the day before his proposed marriage to Marcia Hunter. Then there was much ado. Spencer Wells—a butterfly friend—aims to help but he goes amiss at it. The fiancee has her mind upon one raving poet, Douglas Ordway, showing again how foolish men can be when the fair sex is concerned. The divorcee very ingeniously and sweetly revives Reggie's interest in her, leaving Marcia to a life of poetic rapture. She seemed to show great signs of relief, I thought. The servant parts were well done, one Japanese furnishing much amusement with his ill-tuned Christian Hymns. I find that they are using new scenes and new lights which is a blessing. The play wherein there was much mirth but no great matter else, done, I did meet several acquaintances, then fed upon a savory "hot dog" and home in my Ford.

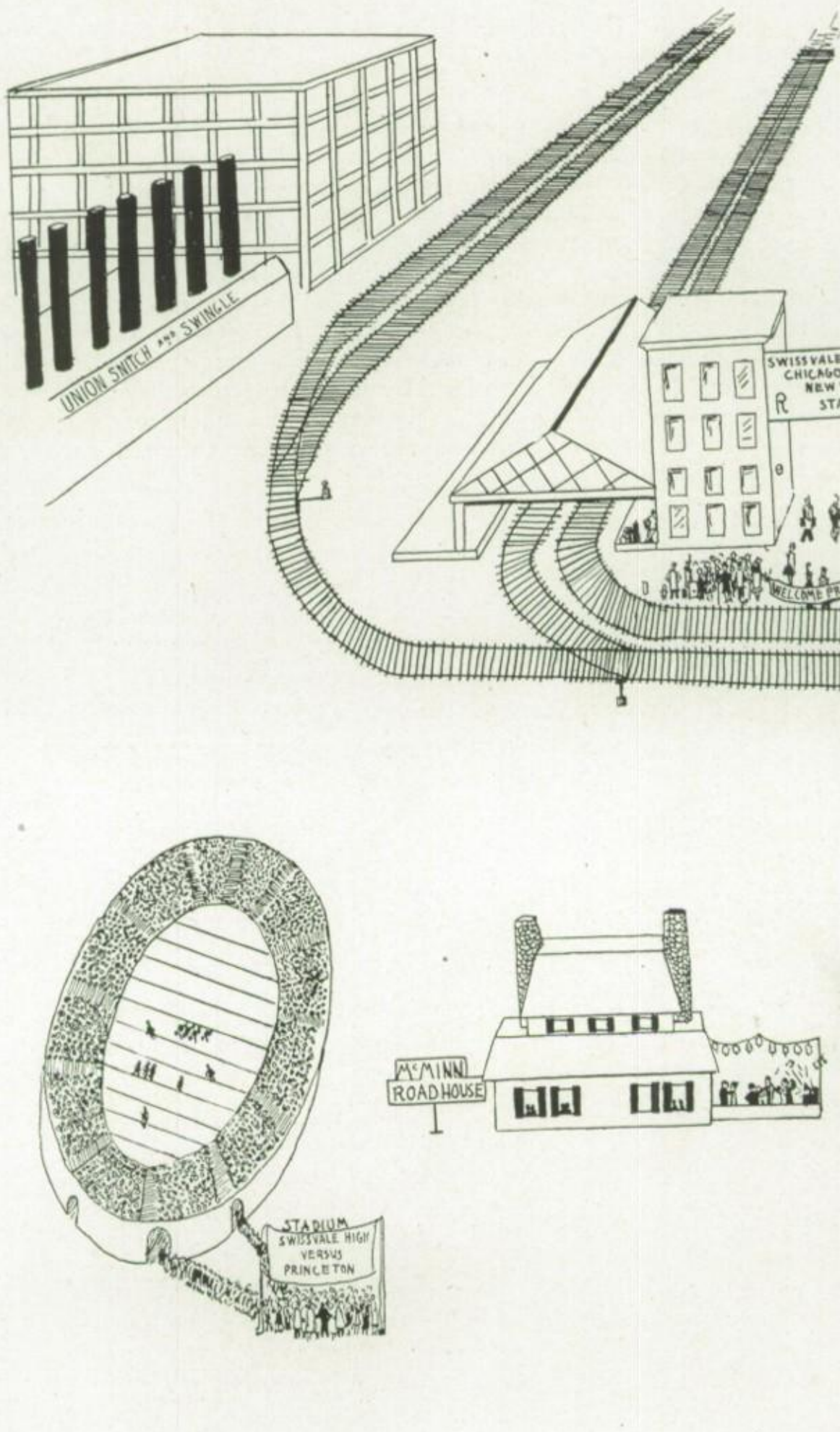
Cast

Reginald Carter ..... William Brown Reynolds
Spencer Wells ..... Tom Shane
Douglas Ordway ..... Arthur Wegner
Rosalie ..... Margaret Isles
Mrs. Hunter ..... Dorothy Braun
Marcia Hunter ..... Lois Schultz
Jackson ..... Stanley Tompson
Hooper ..... Hannah Gorham
Fuzisaki ..... Don Madigan

Class Song

Farewell to thee,
We're leaving you now
Never-more to be with you
In the dear halls of sweet old S. H. S.
We'll think of thee, wherever we be;
These four short years we'll never forget,
All too soon they're passed;
We'll take along our mem'ries
So dear from Swissvale High,
Bidding farewell to thee.

Dorothy M. Braun, '27.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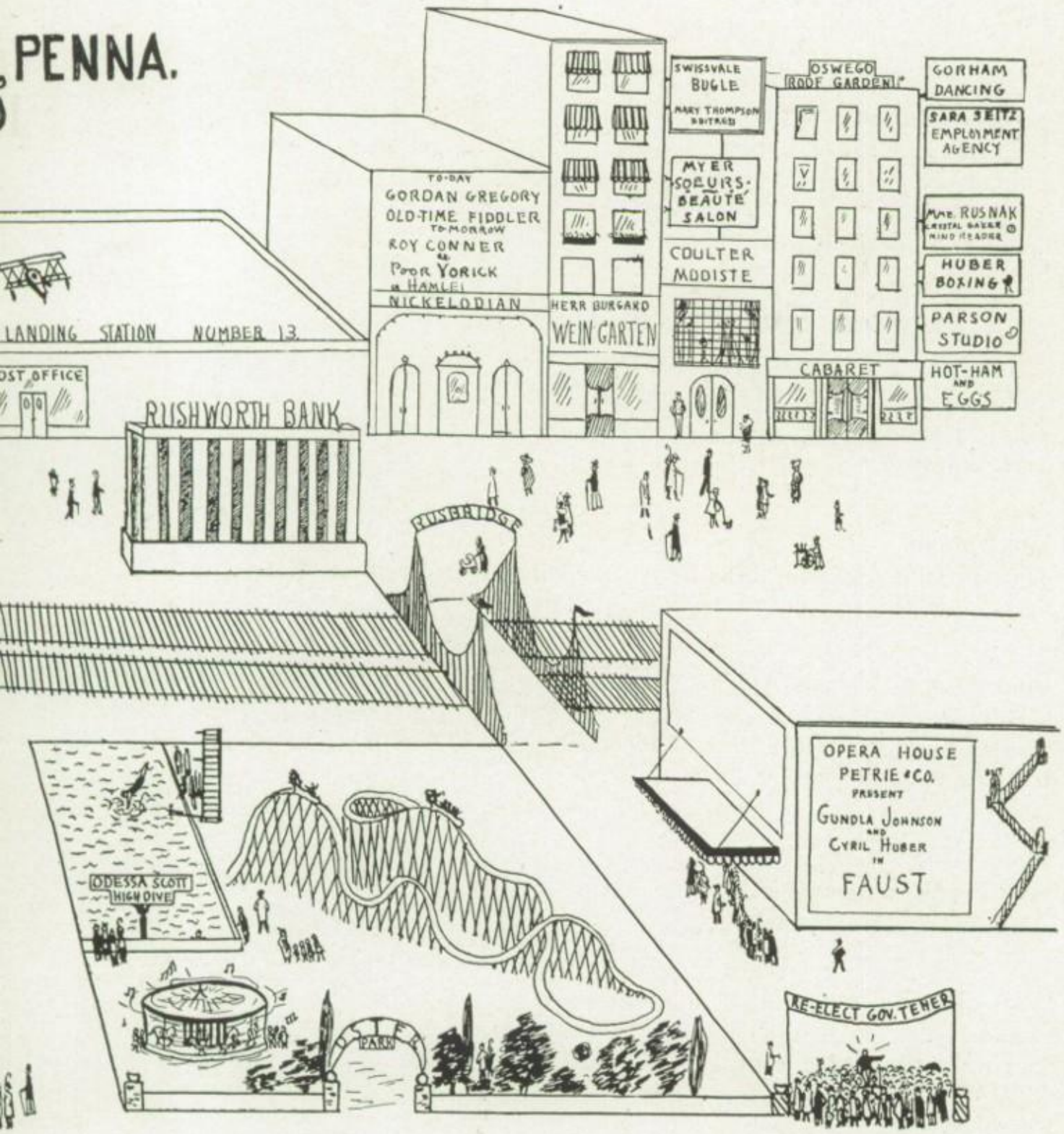

DICK McCLOY '28

June Senior Class

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President ..... MARY THOMPSON
Vice-President ..... HAROLD RUSHBRIDGE
Secretary ..... HELEN FELDNER
Treasurer ..... ALBERT ANDERSON

Senior Events of 1927

Dec. 22 Kid Party.
Back to Childhood for one night and have not yet fully recovered. Just about devastated our nursery.

April 30 Junior Prom.
Decorations carried out beautifully—participants frequently. Owe a pleasant evening to our succeeding inferiors.

May 13 Senior Play—"Mama's Affair".
Thrilling, uproarious comedy. None but Seniors could have done it. No one but Mrs. Petrie could have managed it. Beginning of new dramatic renaissance.

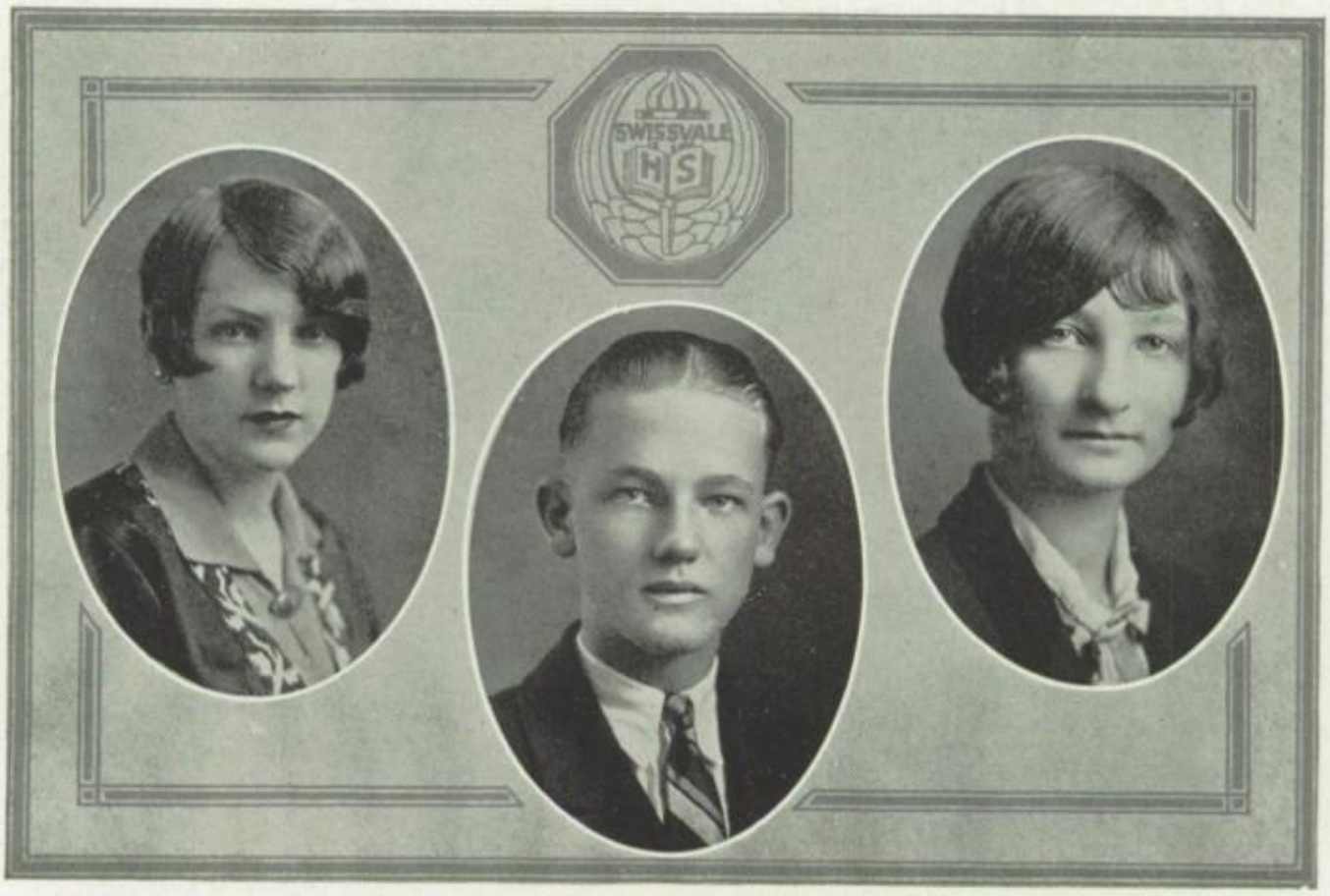
May 23 Senior Dance.
Faculty were strangely pleasant and receptive. Wonderful time, enjoyed by all, including seniors.

May 27 Final Chapel.
Beautiful gift presented to school which will undoubtedly live long in their memories, perhaps till next September.

May 29 Baccalaureate Service.
Sermon delivered by Rev. R. L. Hutchinson of the United Presbyterian Church.

June 3 Commencement.
Abundance of songs, addresses and tears. Our fond teachers seem to sigh with relief when our last member snatched his diploma. Everyone kept in step.

June 4 Out in the wide, wide world.



MARY LOUISE THOMPSON—"SPIDER"

Class President '27; Editor-in-Chief of Valistic '27, Assistant Editor of Valistic '26; Art Club '25; Drama Club '25; Junior Glee Club '24; Chemistry Club '27; Club Secretary '27.

"Dignity consists, not in possessing honors, but in deserving them."

Mary is a rare individual who cheerfully takes things as they come without complaint. She is little sister to all the boys in the class.

ALBERT ANDERSON—"AL"

Vice-President '26, Treasurer '27; Junior Play '26; Valistic Staff '26, '27; Science Club '26; Chemistry Club '26; Physics Club '27; French Club '26, '27; Literary Society '25.

"Some god directs his judgment."

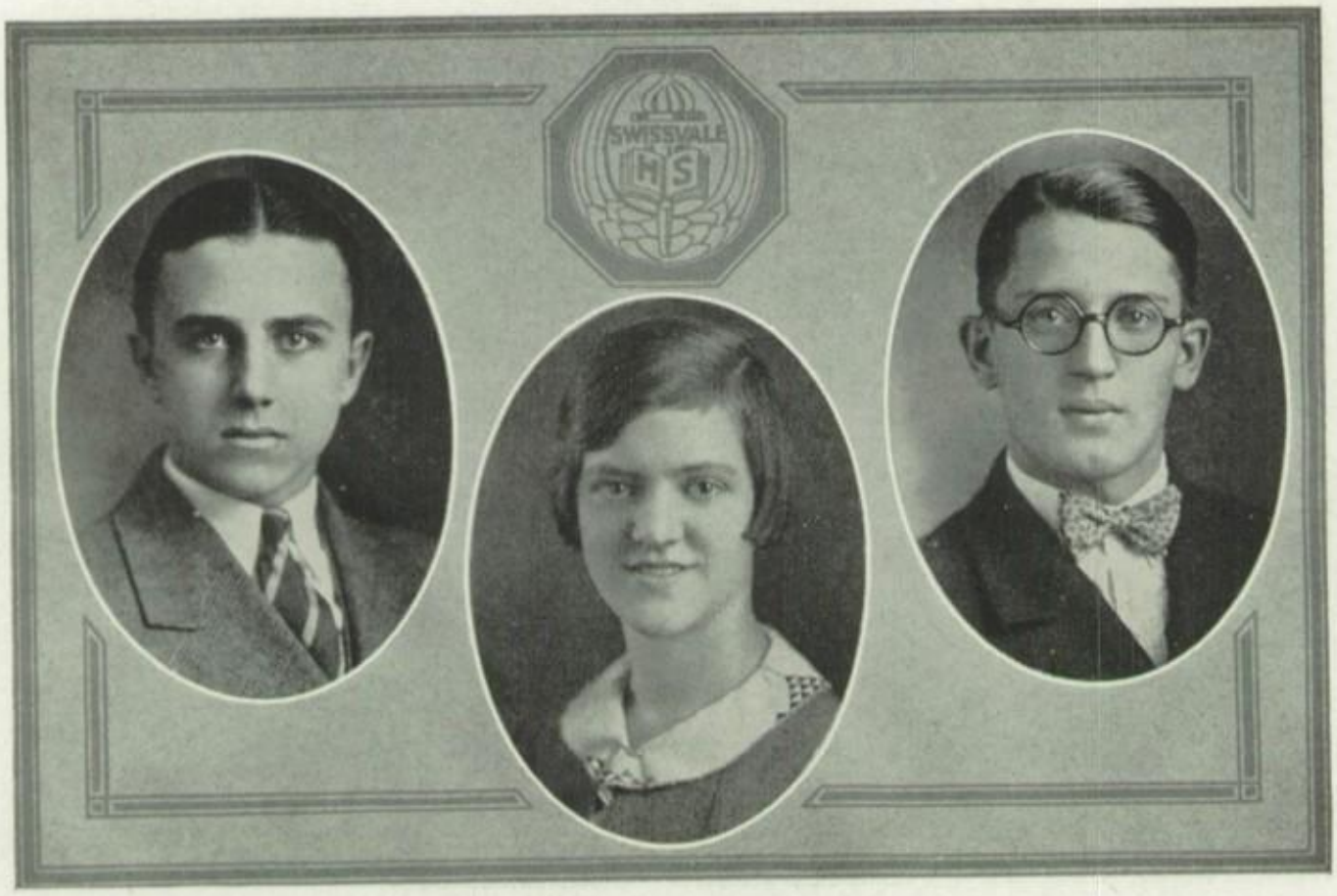
Al takes his time about his work and thus the finished result is always A-No. 1.

HELEN KATHLEEN FELDNER—"FRITZIE"

Commercial Club '25, '26, '27, Secretary '26, Vice-President '26, President '27; Class Secretary '27.

"Neatness is the crowning grace of womanhood."

A dependable lass with a smile and a good word for everyone.



WILLIAM FRANCIS BABCOCK—"Bill"

Science Club '25; Chemistry Club '26; Physics Club '27; Booster Club '24, '25, '26, '27; Operetta '26; Junior Play '26; Annual Staff '25, '26, Business Mgr. Annual '27; French Club '27, Treas. French Club '27; Senior Play '27.

"I warrant thou art a merry fellow and carest for nothing."

We feel sure that Bill, after his success in managing high school affairs, is ready to enter the world as an efficient business man.

GRACE COULTER—"Shorty"

Vice-President '24; Basketball '24, '25, '26, '27; Valistic Staff '26, '27; Valedictorian.

"Knowledge comes, but wisdom lingers."

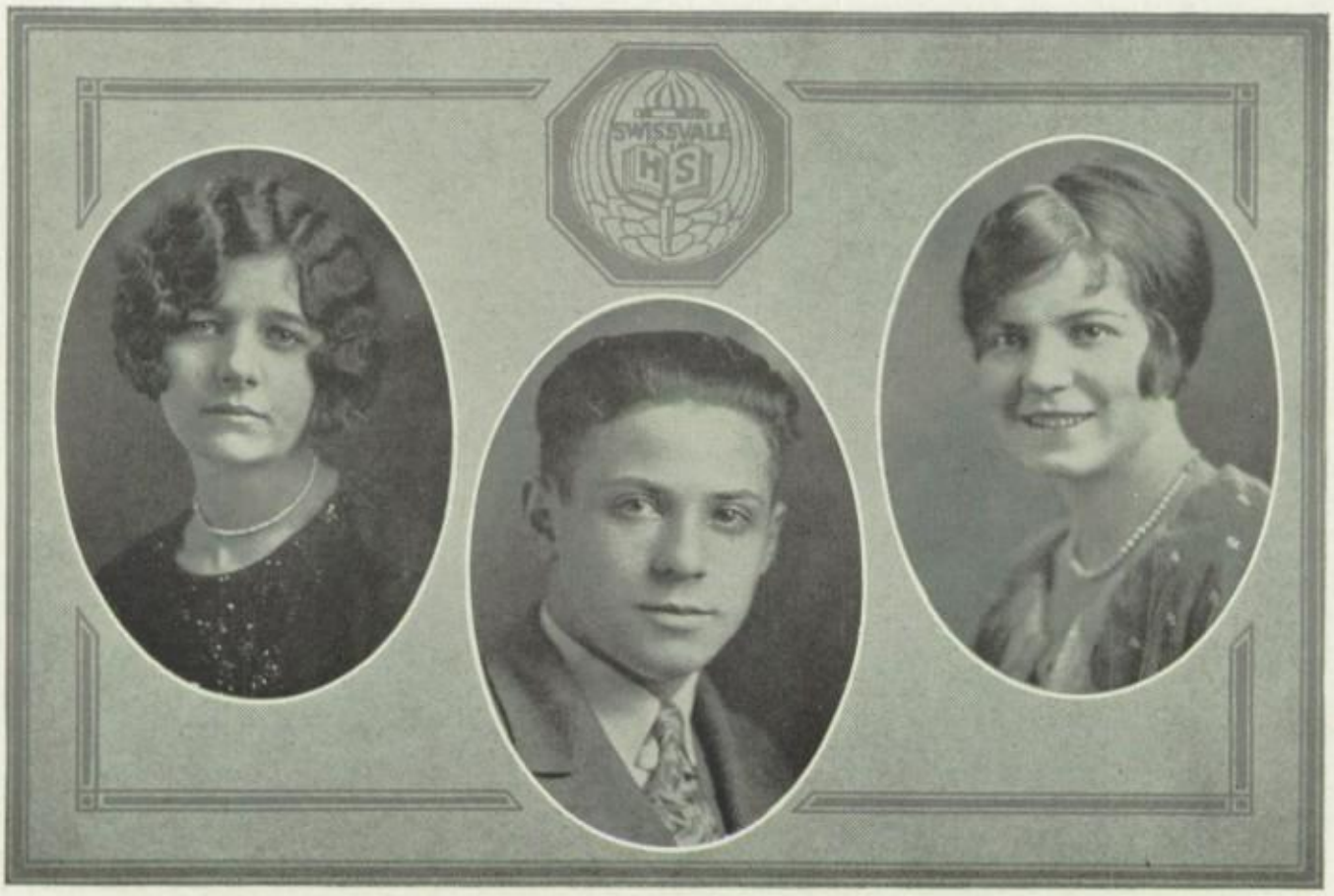
Grace has attained highest honors in her scholastic career. We wish Grace would reveal the secret of her success.

HERMAN RICHARD BALLBACH—"Herm"

Band '26, '27; Orchestra '25, '26; Drama Club '26, '27; Science Club '26, '27.

"He typifies youth's carefree joy
In spirit he is still a boy."

We are sure that in Musical ability Pan has nothing on our "Herm".



FLORA RUTH EYMAN—"Flossy"

Glee Club '25, '26, '27; Operetta '26, '27, Vice-President '25; Art Club '25; French Club '26, '27.

"Her frowns are fairer far than smiles of other maidens are."

She is like time, she wears well. The better you know her, the more you admire her.

PHILIP EDMUND BACH—"Phil"

Physics Club '26, '27; Booster Club '26, '27; Chemistry Club '27.

"Quietly he worked away
Faithful to each duty."

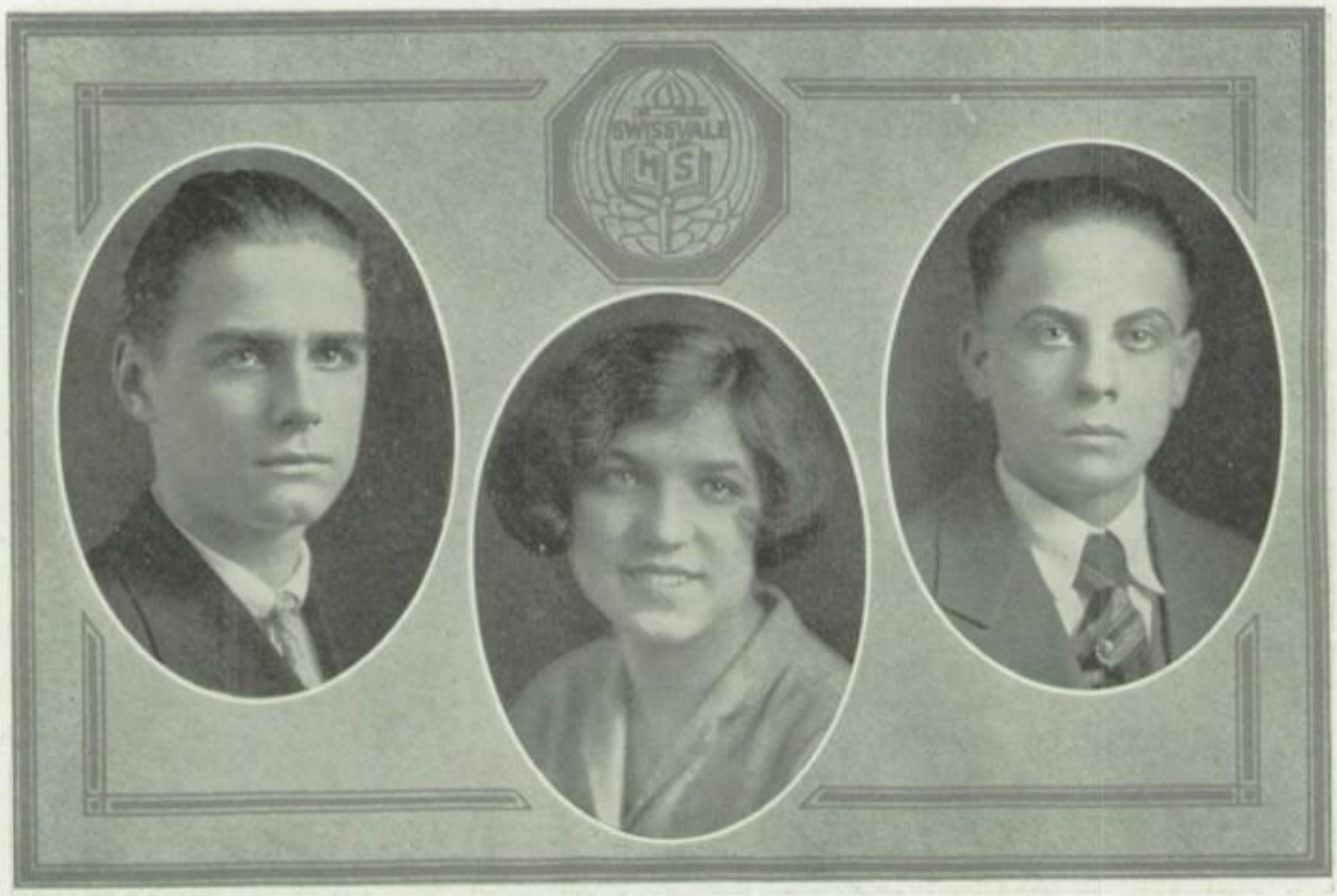
We all wonder how one small head can contain so much knowledge.

THELMA ANNE DOWLING—"Thelma"

Commercial Club '25, '26, '27; Drama Club '25, '26, '27, Vice-President '26; Junior Play '26.

"Her eyes are homes of silent prayer."

Short and sweet, that's Thelma. Her happy smile dispels all gloom.



ROY BOVEE CONNOR—"ABE"

Class Treasurer '26; Track '26, '27; Glee Club '24, '25, '26, '27; Operetta '24, '25, '26, '27; French Club '27; President Physics Club '27; Chemistry Club '25 '26; Annual Staff '27; Junior Play.

"Laughter is the course of conversation."

Roy is another of our long and lanky members, somewhat like Abraham Lincoln. Some of his antics would certainly shock "Honest Abe".

FLORENCE HELEN GREENWALD—"FLO"

Drama Club '26; Operetta '26; Senior Glee Club '27; Senior Play '27.

"Transported beyond this ignorant present, she feels now the future in the instant."

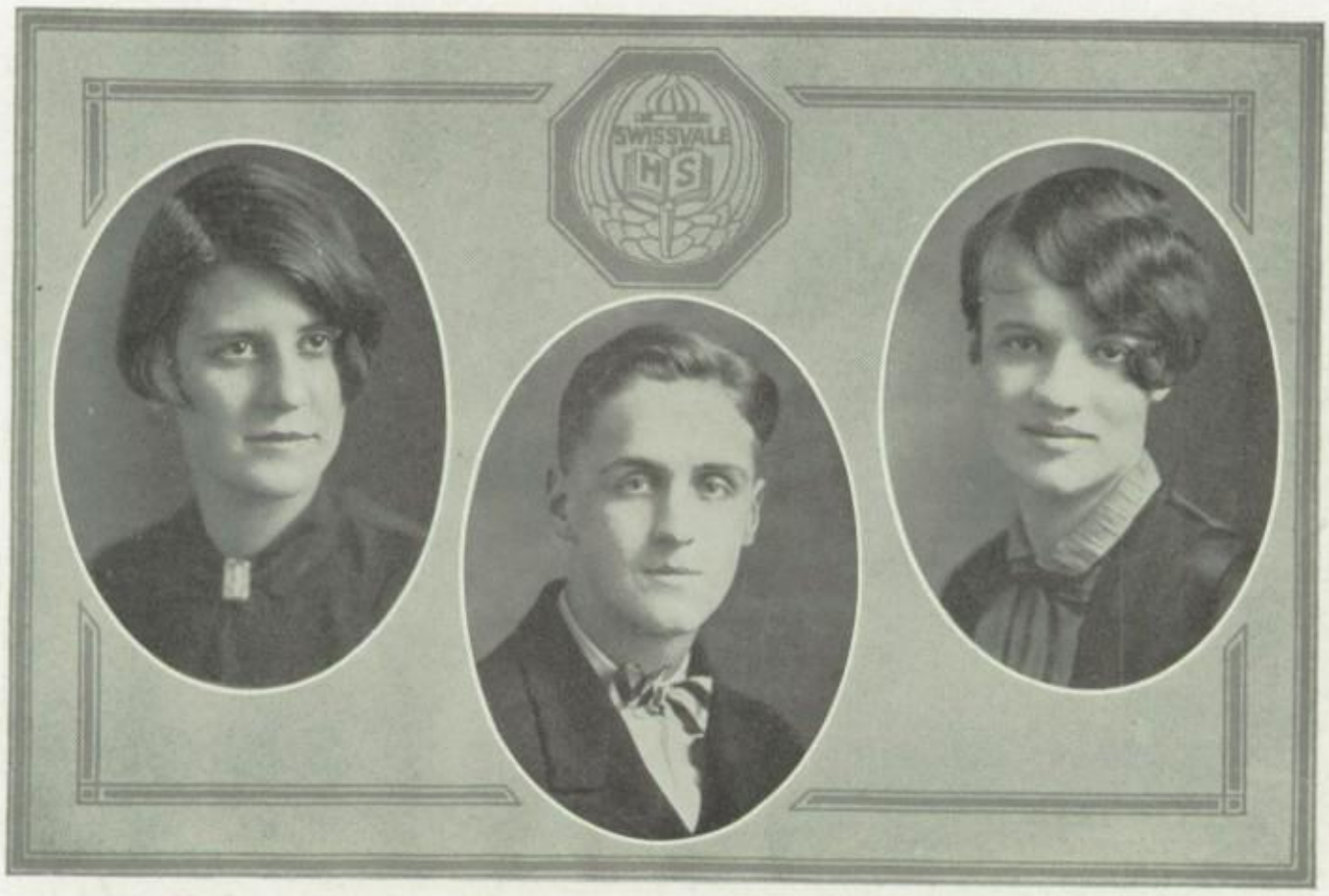
Flo is our "friendly" girl—every one is her friend because she has no enemies—a wonderful trait, Flo. Don't lose it.

LEONARD ANTHONY BURGARD—"TONY"

Physics Club '27; Chemistry Club '26; Booster Club '26, '27; Football '26.

"A cheerful life devoid of care."

Leonard's musical laugh is the joy of his classmates—he has the ability to see the bright side of dark matter. Once in a while, though, he does laugh at the wrong time.



DOROTHY ALINE HILL—"Dot"

Glee Club '26, '27; French Club '26, '27; Operetta '26.

"Gay good nature sparkles in her eyes."

Dot giggles her way through life, but still is willing to shape her energy into work as well as play.

EDWARD SIDNEY CRAMER—"Ted"

Drama '26; Physics '27; Art Club '25; Class President '25; Editor-in-Chief of Annual '27; Athletic Assn. '24, '25, '26; Captain Wrestling '27; Football '27; Business Manager of Valistic '26; Junior Play '26.

"Style is the man himself."

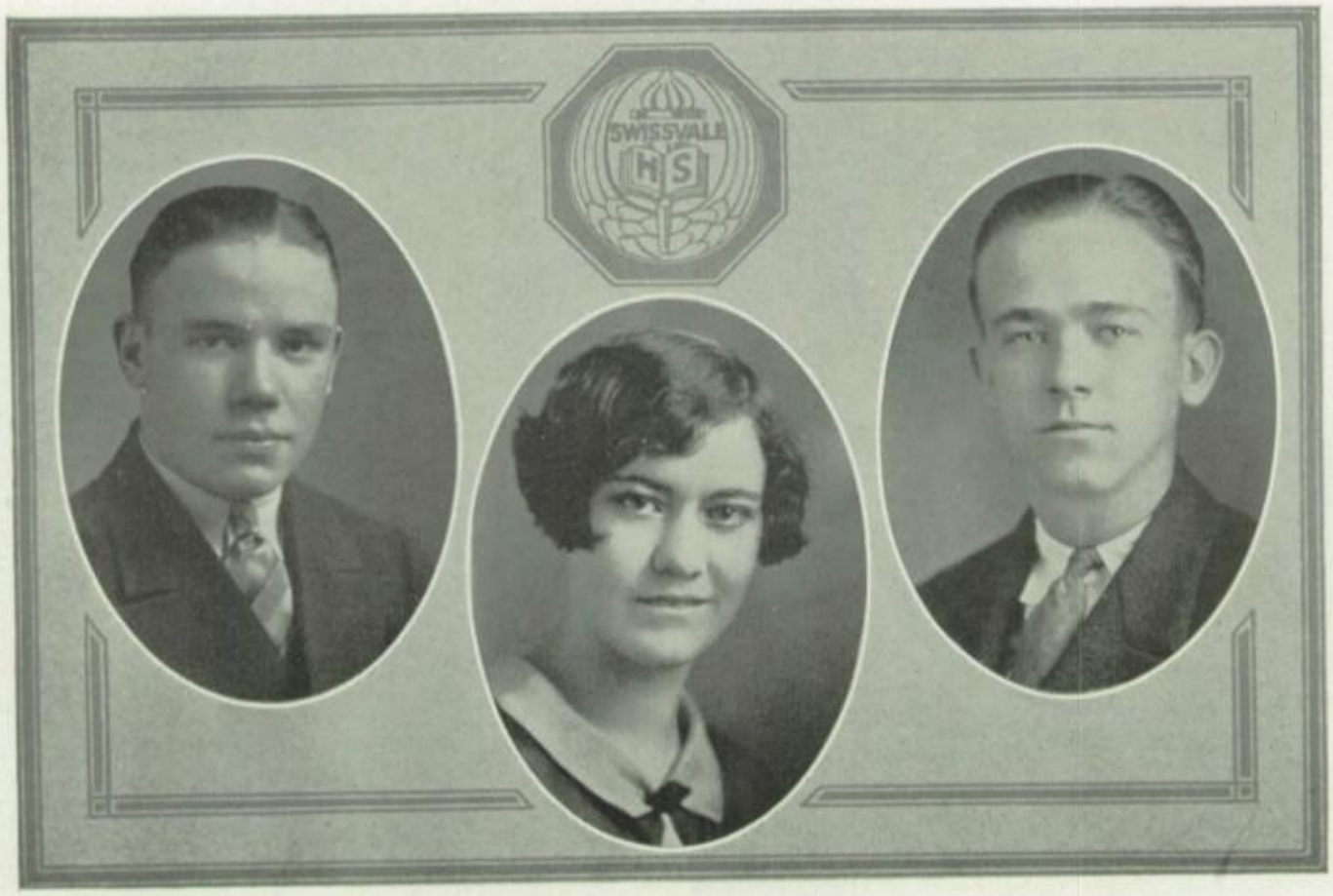
Ted is a perfect combination of sense and nonsense, to whose untiring efforts the success of the Annual is largely due.

HELEN GRACE HOTHAM—"Helen"

Glee Club '24, '25, '27, Vice-President '27; Operetta '24, '25, '26, '27; Drama '26; French '26, '27; Annual Staff '27; Junior and Senior Play.

"Ambition has no rest."

S. H. S. will sadly miss Helen when they are in need of entertaining readings. Her great talent has been a joy and pleasure to all.



PATRICK J. GORHAM—"PAT"

Class Treasurer '23; Football '26; Wrestling '27; Physics Club '26; Booster Club '25, '26; Annual Staff, '26.

"As brimful of mischief and wit and glee
As ever a human frame could be."

Irish wit—here's a genuine example. Keep your wit with you, Pat, and some day you may be editor of the Home News.

RACHEL GREER—"ABIE"

French Club '27; Annual Staff '27; Basketball '26, '27, Manager '27.

"All have the gift of speech but few are possessed with wisdom."

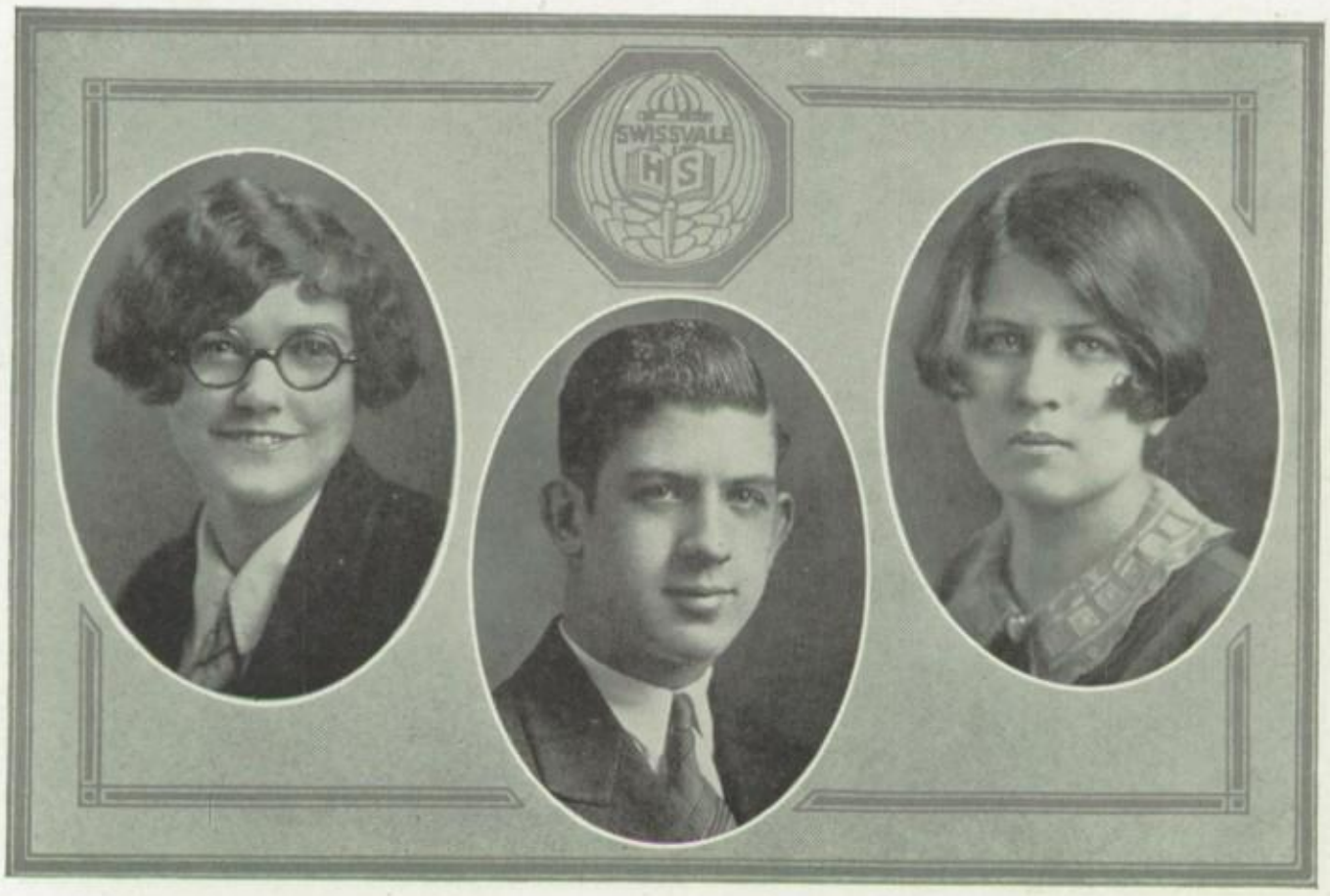
Rachel does many things well but she excels in several things, namely: French and Basketball.

RUSSEL GRANBERG—"RUSS"

Booster Club '27; Physics Club '27.

"I am not merry, but I do beguile
The thing I am by seeming otherwise."

Russel has that way about him but it is not a hindrance in his studies.



GUNDLA ELIZABETH JOHNSON—"GUNDLA"

Commercial Club '26, '27; Junior Glee Club '25.

"Thought is deeper than all speech."

Gundla is one of our hardest workers—she leads a quiet but very busy life.

JAMES GORDON GREGORY—"GUS"

Orchestra '25, '26; Physics Club '27; Valistic Staff '27; Wrestling Manager '27; Assistant '26; Booster Club '26, '27; Junior Play '26; Senior Play '27.

"Enthusiasm is the breath of genius."

Gus is our champion "manager". We expect him to manage even greater things later on.

EDRA KOONTZ—"EDDIE"

Commercial Club '25, '26, '27; Junior Play; Editor-in-Chief, Trans. '27.

"She has a pleasant word and smile for everyone."

Edra is always ready and willing to help everyone. She never shirks a thing she is asked to do and she does it willingly.

GERALDINE McMINN—"JERRY"

French Club '27; Junior Play; Junior Glee Club '25; Chemistry Club '27.

"Whatever is popular deserves attention."

According to all appearances she has been decorated for something. Have you seen her "ball and chain"?

CYRIL JOSEPH HUBER—"SI"

Science Club '27; Booster Club '26, '27.

"He is a dreamer. Let us leave him."

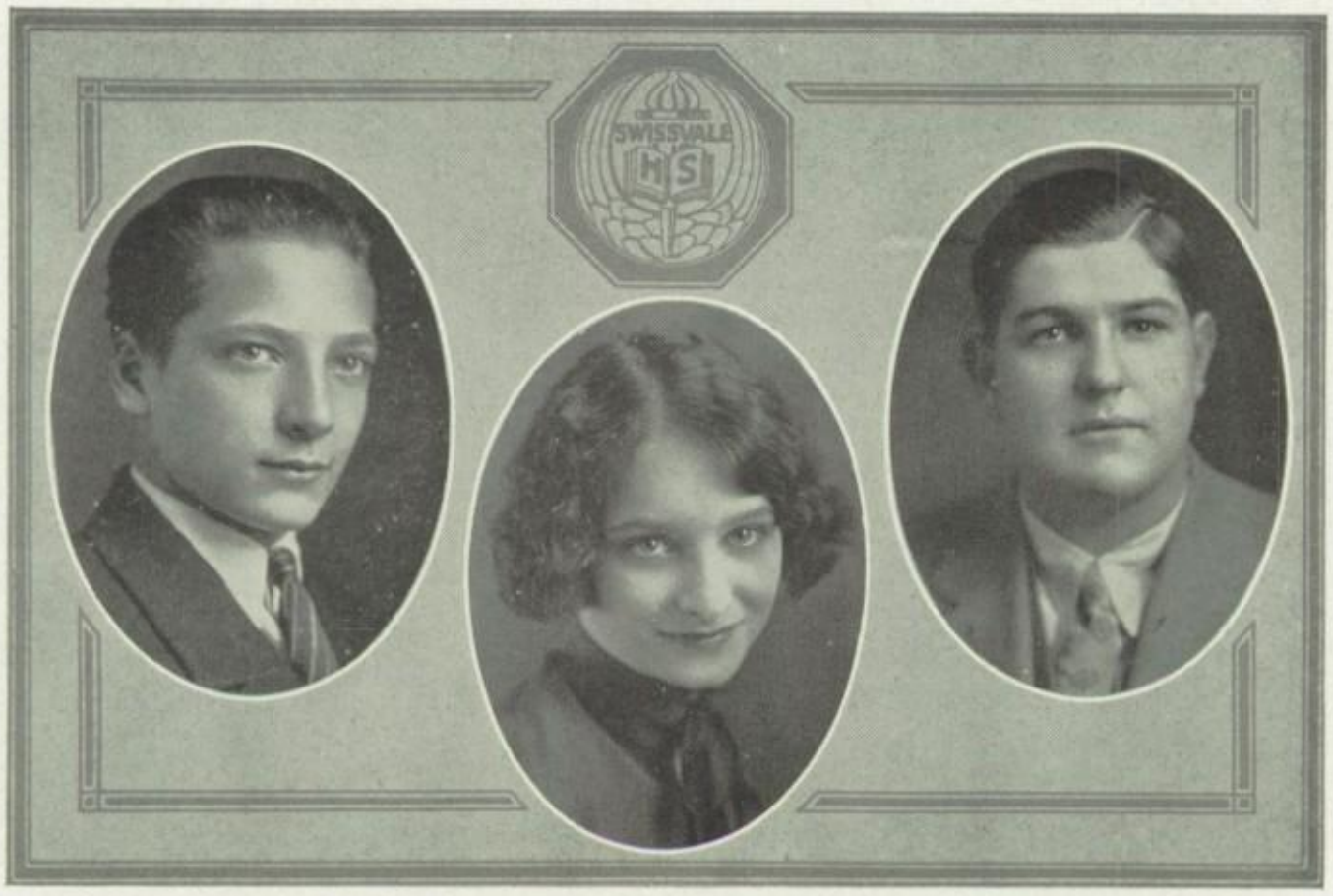
Cyril is both ingenious and ingenuous. There are plenty of words in Webster's Dictionary and Cyril can always make use of them.

LOIS LYDEN—"LOIS"

Glee Club '26, '27; Art Club '25; French Club '27; Junior Glee Club '25.

"Age cannot wither her, nor custom stale her infinite variety."

Lois is always willing, always ready. An excellent worker and a good pal to all.



LEONARD MELVIN NELSON—"MEL"

Science Club '25, '26, '27; Booster Club '26, '27; Class Secretary '25; Swissvalian Staff '27; Valistic Staff '27.

"For herein fortune shows herself more kind, than is her custom."

One of our thoroughly dependable members—one who never fails you in time of need—that's Melvin.

GLORIA CLARICE RENNER—"CLARICE"

Scottdale High School '24, '25; Commercial Club '26; Junior Play '26; Drama Club '26.

"Petite et coy; oui, oui."

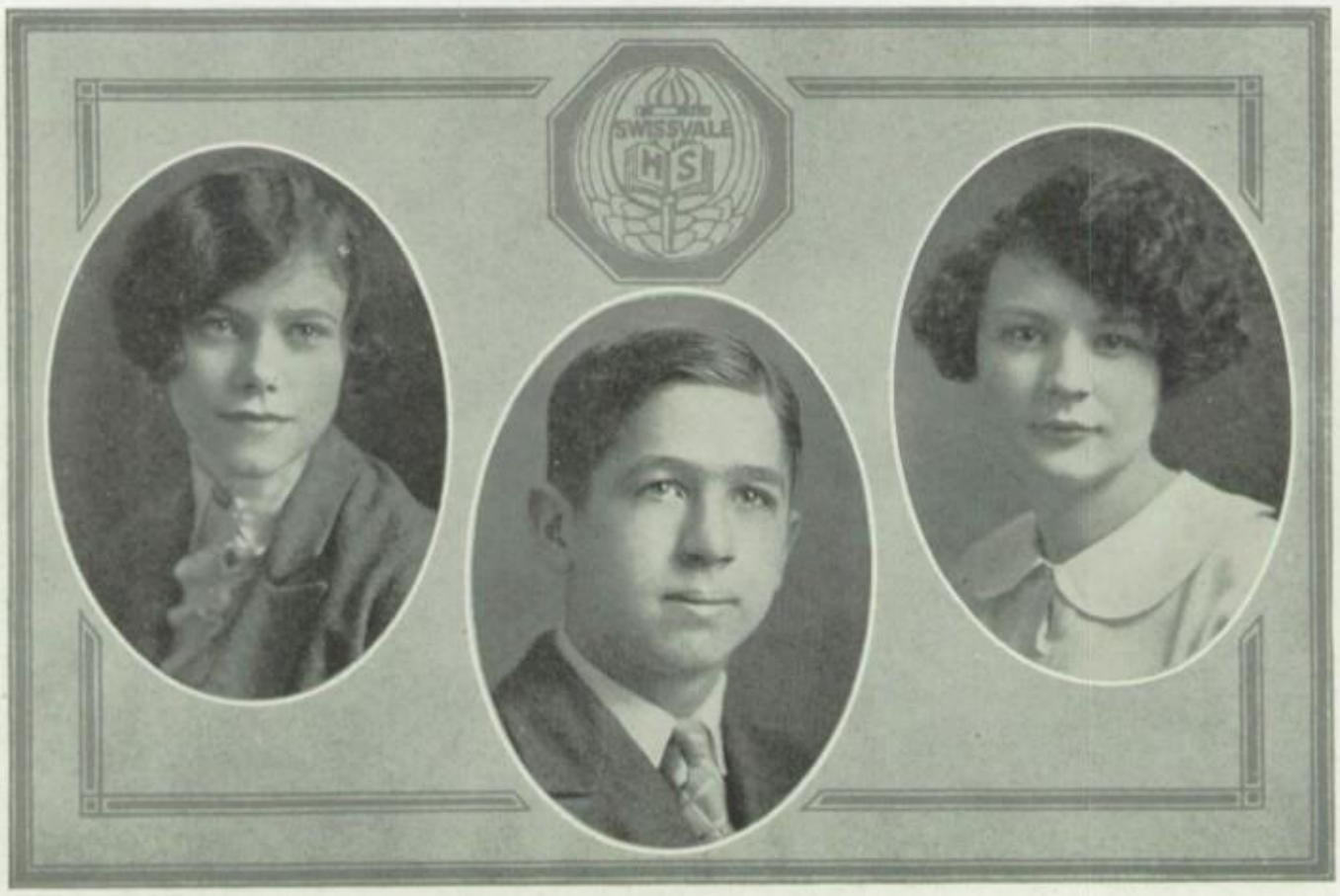
We have all sizes in our class and Clarice is one of the extremely small ones, but nevertheless, she is certainly a whiz in shorthand.

KENNETH MILLER—"CHUNKY"

Class President '24; Football '26; Booster Club '26, '27; Wrestling '25.

"Little groping hands must learn the weight of labor."

Chunky is built along those comfortable lines that suggest fun and good humor. Kenneth will live to have white hair if he remains as carefree as he is now.



ELLEN JEAN PARSONS—"Bunnie"

Art Club '25, '26, '27; Senior Glee Club '26, '27; Operetta '26, '27; Drama '26; Annual Staff '27.

"Love to one, friendship to few, goodwill to all."

Ellen Jean manages to study once in a while, between her love affairs. She also devotes much time to art, and is one of Miss Thomas' star pupils.

THOMAS HENRY OSTER—"Oysters"

Drama Club '26, '27; Booster Club '25, '26, '27, Treasurer '27; Physics Club '26, '27, Secretary and Treasurer '26.

"Wisdom, a man's best friend."

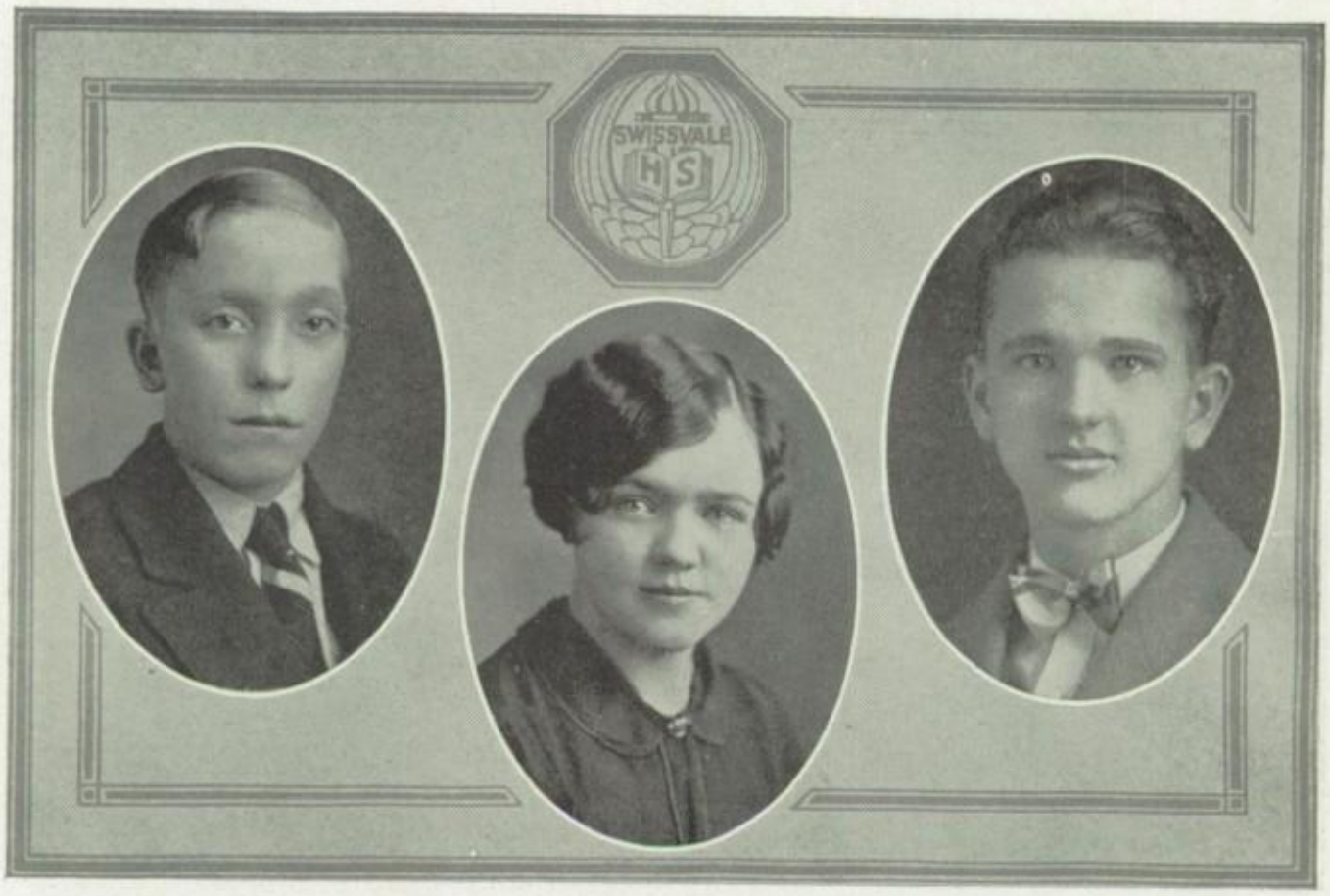
Tommy can easily outgrasp Mr. Smith when it comes to grasping ideas in math. He's the wonder of the age.

EVELINE POUDER—"Ev."

French Club '26.

"Wisely and slow, they stumble that run fast."

Eveline is one of our silent partners. Maybe she thinks "an empty can makes the most noise." Certainly Eveline is not empty.



FERDINAND KOHL—"Freddie", "Queenie Kohl"

Commercial Club '26, '27; Booster Club '26.

"Come and trip it as ye go, on the light fantastic toe."

He always works, but never too hard. He seems to have many hobbies, but, unquestionably his greatest is aesthetic dancing.

MARGARET J. McCALL—"Marg"

Commercial Club '26, '27.

"A shyness of manner is truly endearing."

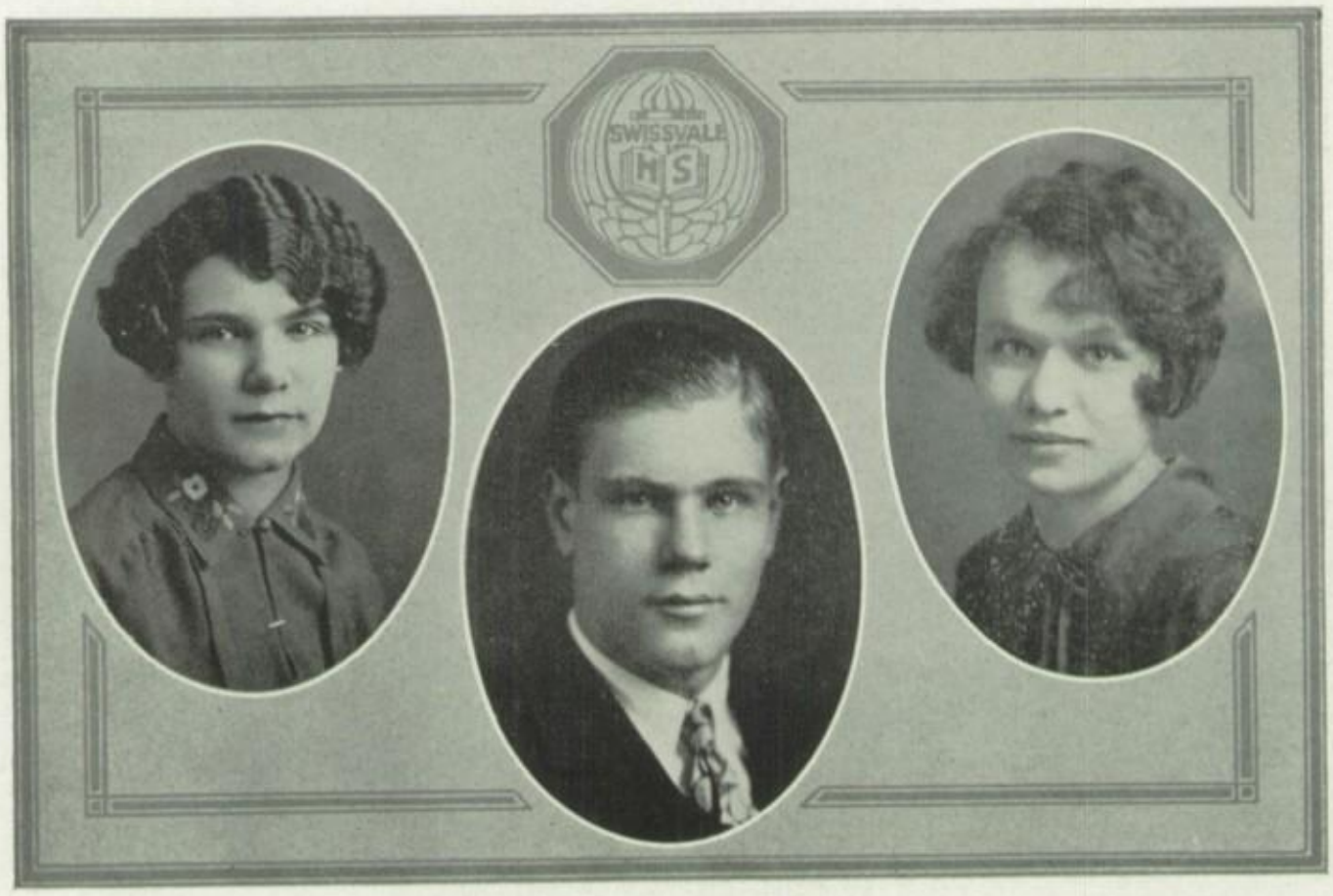
Marg is always happy, gay, and enthusiastic. She fairly bubbles over with Irish wit.

HOWARD LONG—"Sparky"

Science Club '25; Chemistry Club '25; Physics Club '26, President '26; Assistant Basketball manager '25, Manager '26; Booster Club '27.

"I have no spur to prick the sides of my intent."

Sparky is very bashful but we feel he will make his mark in the world.



SOPHIA MATILDA WARMBROD—"TILLIE"

Junior Glee Club '26; Drama Club '25, '26; Art Club '25, '26, 27.

"Small, but, oh, how dear to us."

Tillie is the baby of our class in size only. No one possesses more pluck and courage than "Tillie."

RICHARD EVANS TENER—"DICK"

Class Secretary '24, President '26; Chemistry Club '26, '27; Physics Club '26, '27; French Club '27, Booster Club '26, '27, Football '25, '26, '27, Track '25, '26, '27; Basketball '26, '27; Valistic Staff '26, '27; Junior Play '26; Athletic Association—Vice-President '26, President '27.

"An ounce of a man's own wit is worth a ton of other people's."

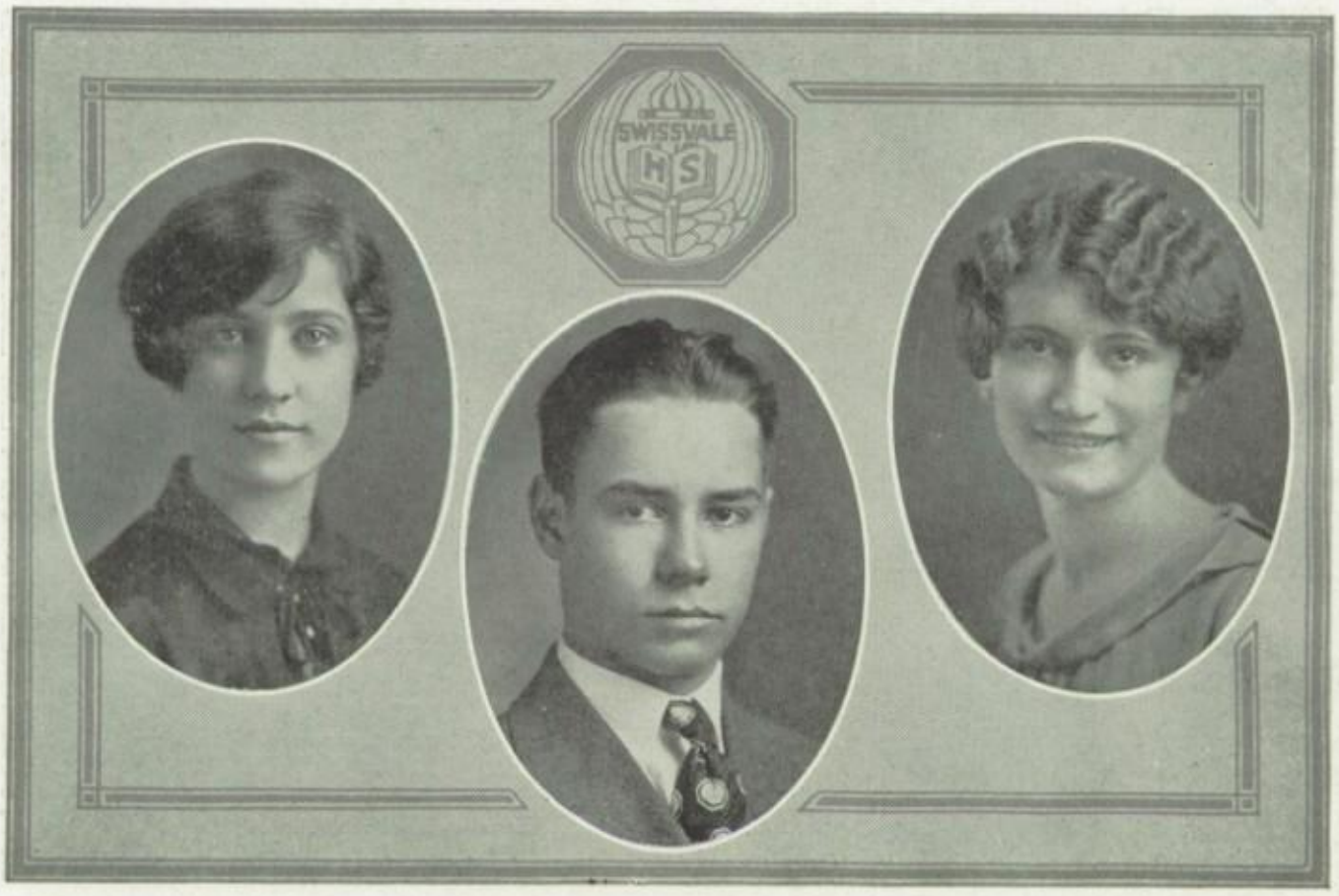
Many a feminine heart has fluttered as Dick strolled down the corridor. He is a living example of flaming youth. His Maxwell deserves mention—it has made a successful High School Express.

MARGARET MARY RUSNAK—"RUSTY"

Commercial Club '26, '27.

"Why, she is a pearl whose price hath launched above a thousand ships."

Peg's typewriting ability is astounding—she doesn't use the Hunt and Peck system, either.



SARA MARJORIE SEITZ—"SALLY"

Senior Glee Club '26, '27; Operetta '26, '27; Junior Play; Annual Staff '27.

"Here's a girl with a heart and a smile
That makes the bubble of life worth while."

Like a well-known flashlight, ever-ready, ever dependable. No one can feel blue while she's near.

WILLIAM HARRISON RUSHWORTH—"BILL"

French Club '26, '27; Chemistry Club '26; Physics Club '27; Junior Play; Track Manager '26, '27.

"It is tranquil people who accomplish much."

Bill has a ready supply of accurate knowledge. He is modest, unassuming and a real worker.

ODESSA SCOTT—"SCOTTY"

"French Club".

"Any dead fish can float down stream but it takes a live one to swim up."

We are all proud of Odessa's swimming record. May she represent S. H. S. in the English Channel.

HAROLD WESLEY RUSBRIDGE—"Rusty", "Shiek"

Class Vice-President '27; French Club '26, '27, President '27; Chemistry Club '26, Vice-President '26, '27; Annual Staff '26, '27; Junior and Senior Plays; Booster Club '26, '27.

"He will do what he says he will do."

There's a long, long trail awinding out to Edgewood. Harold evidently appreciates the fact that good goods come in small packages.

ELIZABETH HANNA WYNN—"Betty"

Commercial Club '25, '26, '27.

"I am a part of all that I have met."

A real girl, of the dependable, "I am ready" type who form the backbone of a worth-while class.

RALPH PETERSON—"Err"

Physics Club '26, '27.

"Still water flows deep."

Ralph is a silent partner, and one of our class intellectuals.

FLORENCE SCHOTT—"Flo"

Commercial Club '25, '26; Valistic Staff '26, '27; Junior Play; Senior Play.

"All who happiness would win must share it;
Happiness was born a twin."

Full of pep and good natured. Never sad nor blue. "Flo", if we only had more like you.

HERBERT WARNER—"Tubby"

Football '26, '27; Booster Club '26, '27; Wrestling '25, '26, '27.

"If football be the food of 'life'—play on."

Tubby's chief difficulty in his long sojourn in High school has been to make his mental apparatus keep perfect time with the vast strides of his physical self.

MARY VIRGINIA WELCH

Aspinwall High School '23, '24; Glee Club '25, '26; Operetta '25, '26; Senior Play.

"The face that can smile is ever fair."

Mary, we like your quiet friendly way.

History of Class of 1927

First Year 1924

Assembled from the schools around
As others too had done before
With humble mien and shaking knees
We entered Swissvale High School's door,
And treated much with kindness there
Our early lessons we were taught.
Instructed in the right and wrong
To do our best or do it not,
And so, though shy at first in school
We learned to love it more and more
And sorrowed when vacation came
That ended nineteen-twenty-four.

Second Year 1925

Our Sophomore year flew like the first
'Twas over 'fore it had begun
And while we studied very hard
Our party furnished lots of fun.
'Twas here we gained distinction too
As athletes and artists should
And with the talents that we had
We served our school as best we could.

Third Year 1926

As upper classmen we were proud
And really had a right to be;
We won the track and wrestling cups
And held them up for all to see.
Our prom was of the very best,
Our play exceeded all before
We studied, labored without rest
And ever onward up we bore.

Fourth Year 1927

At last our senior year had come
Our goal realized from three years past
And of our class that had begun
One-third remained until the last
Our play and class night were enjoyed,
The dance made all of us so glad.
But now our last few days have come
And happy hearts have turned to sad;
So, since our final year is gone
The last to be in Swissvale High
The last to serve the school we love
And shout her praises to the sky,
We say to you who stay with her
And you who here have just begun,
Protect the school with all your might
And fight for her as we have done.

Senior Closing Out Sale

We, the senior class of 1927, now about to pass for the last time through the portals of Swissvale High School hold this auction to rid ourselves of these things which we believe we will no further use in the world to come.

The gavel sounds upon the block and the auctioneer's voice is heard: "Sold to the man in the brown derby."

The next bargain to be knocked down to you will be Sarah Seitz' attraction for a certain Sophomore. Come now, who bids? One here, another, over there, any more? Going-going-gone to Greta Berquist.

All right, folks, next is Ralph Peterson's quietness. That should find a quick sale. What! no other bidders? Sold, but to a senior. Oh, I see Babcock bought it in for Russel Beeman. Fine, that's the spirit, seniors. Leave a gift to posterity.

Here's Florence Schott's attendance record. Who bids? What! No bids. Well, Florence how about it? Let's donate it to Lib Pollard.

Next Albert Anderson's taking ways. Sold at once to, ah, whom? Oh, the treasurer of the Junior Class.

Well, here's Howard Long's managerial ability. How much are we bid? No others. Sold to Bertram Miles at 2c.

Ah! here we have Dot Hill's clever jokes. What say, let's just turn them back to Francis Watt.

Next is Grace Coulter's basket-ball prowess. Well, seniors, let's donate that to Mrs. Whittaker to use as she sees fit.

Here we have Gordon Gregory's modern interpretation of Hamlet. Bid up Juniors. This will be better than a Latin pony. Going—gone to Miss Piper with all stage rights. She intends to make it into a new play, I suppose, since it is so far from the original.

All right, here you are, Ellen Jean Parson's drawing (?) ability. Bids going up any more? Going—going—gone to Earle Patterson.

Next, Herman Balbach's Latin marks. One here, over there another, come on higher. Going—going—gone to Dick Fisher.

Next, Geraldine McMinn's hall parking privilege donated back to Mr. Young.

Here you are, you underclassmen! Room 10's knowledge of Miss Dia and how to get around her (acquired through three strenuous years). Well, room 10, let's be generous and leave it to her next year's report room.

Here's the Allen trophy, won three times by the graduating class. No bids will be accepted. Classes desirous of obtaining it are advised to consult this class as to the secret of winning it.

Next Roy Connor's number elevens equipped with a pair of Melvin Nelson's heel plates. Room 3 bids these in as a present to Mrs. Petrie, to be installed upon Harry Zimmerman so she may know his whereabouts.

Uncalled for witticisms in physics by Huber, Adams, and Gorham have previously been bid in with all rights by Mr. Roese as protection against their recurrence next year.

Lastly we give and bequeath to the Junior class of Swissvale High School the keys to Senior liberties and the upholding of the honor of the school.

ROY AND LOUISE M.
THELMA
GRACE
"AL"
KENNY AND MELVIN.
FRANKIE
CYRIL
LOIS S.
ELIZABETH
THE "McCALLS"
"JERRY"
SARAH
"TED"
"TUBBY"
CARL
RACHEL
PHILIP
MARY
HOWARD
DON
E. JEAN
GUNDLA
LOIS L.
THE "MEYERS"

Senior "B"

IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE

1. Grant Bailey ..... "Service all the way."
2. Walter Carr ..... "Guard the Danger Line."
3. Roxanna Cramer ..... "High as the Alps in quality."
4. Katherine Cropp ..... "Defies all attempts at comparisons."
5. Andrew Demay ..... "Eventually. Why not now?"
6. Bertha Dierst ..... "99.44 per cent pure."
7. Helen Dronsfield ..... "There's a reason."
8. Alex Fecho ..... "A skin you love to touch."
9. Joseph Jackson ..... "When it rains—it pours."
10. Treasure Kiebler ..... "57 varieties."
11. William Kornrumph ..... "His Master's voice."
12. Isabella McCall ..... "The certainty that only established reputation can bring."
13. Robert McCall ..... "What a difference a few cents (sense) makes."
14. Stella McGuire ..... "They satisfy."
15. Martha Meyers ..... "Like Mother used to make."
16. Earle Patterson ..... "Smiles right back at you."
17. Elizabeth Pollard ..... "They're different."
18. Sylvia Puckett ..... "Good to the last drop."
19. Dan Ridge ..... "Body by Fisher."
20. Howard Simms ..... "Smiles and Miles."
21. Doris Steele ..... "90 years of quality."
22. Marion Trezise ..... "For finer things."
23. William Ure ..... "Don't write———wire."
24. William Wiest ..... "Courtesy a By-Word."
25. Curtis Wonders ..... "Say it with flowers."

Swissvale Theatre Program

SCHOOL DAYS

A farce presented by the class of '28

Time—Now Place—High School

CHARACTERS

Sally, the heroine, very angelic ..... Eleanor Lee
Susie, Sally's friend, the tomboy ..... Louise Mockett
Sadie, the flirt ..... Frances Watt
Katie, the truant ..... Ethel Heimark
Tommy, the hero, very naughty ..... Edward Milliken
Johnny, Tommy's friend, the shiek ..... Ned Cornelius
Willy, the sissy ..... John Gorham
The Janitor ..... Dixon McCloy
Dear Teacher, very strict ..... Mary Julia Shelton
School Director ..... Cedric Chapman

CHORUS

Teacher's Pets

Russell Beeman
Robert McTiernan
Virginia Appell
Leona Collins
Raymond Dowling
Dale Hosmer

The Scrappers

Elsie Ramstrom
Bertram Miles
Nancy Bullions
Robert Axon
Madge England
James Craig

Cut-Ups

Mary Kelly
Elaine Foraker
Robert Milligan
Dorothy Carroll
James Hammer
Herbert Foxall

Honor Students

Tom Murphy
James McTiernan
Daisie Watson
William Sullivan
Hilda Patton
Paul Taylor

Dunces

Robert Zimmerman
Arthur Latshaw
Harriet Brower
Ruth Matlat
Marie McCarthy
Warren Nupp

Fashion Plates

Charles Hewitt
"Red" Shane
Verna Young
Betty Riker
"Squack" Knorr
Dean McKibben

JUNIOR GIRLS

JUNIOR BOYS

A Lucky Break

The students as well as the townspeople of Swissvale will long remember the Junior Class Play "A Lucky Break" presented in the High School Auditorium on April 1. The scene of the play was laid in a country hotel at Matasquam, Conn. The plot was to force Abner Ketchum, a country miser, to sell his Strawberry Hill property which John Bruce, a wealthy New Yorker was planning to develop into pottery manufacturies. A very interesting situation occurred and the property was finally bought through Bruce's employes of New York. All the parts were well played and the cast as well as the audience spent a very enjoyable evening. Without a doubt a large part of the success of the play was due to the untiring efforts of the coach, Miss Lucile Long. The cast was as follows:

Martha Mullet ..... Elaine Foraker
Nora Mullet ..... Eleanor Lee
Elmine Ludine Smith ..... Rose Greenwald
Benny Ketchum ..... Bert Miles
Abner Ketchum ..... Victor Knorr
Mrs. Barrett ..... Virginia Appell
Claudia ..... Mary Julia Shelton
Tommy Lansing ..... Ed. Milliken
John Bruce ..... Charles Hewitt
Charles Martin ..... Robert Zimmerman
Jura Charente ..... Louise Mockett
Var Charente ..... Cedric Chapman
Bella Mac Watt ..... Ruth Matlat
Alchiba Spinster ..... Ida Braun
Alphecca Spinster ..... Jean MacAchren
Spivens ..... Arthur Latshaw
Valet ..... Clarence Mander
Watkins ..... Robert Axon

The Gym. Exhibition

The Gym Exhibition on March 18 served as a fitting climax of the winter sports season. The Girls and Boys performed before one of the largest audiences ever assembled in our gym.

Some of the high lights of the Exhibition were the Indian club drill by the Junior and Senior Girls, the Wand Drill by the Upper Class Girls and the Dumb-bell Drill by the Freshmen girls.

The three wrestling bouts were exciting, even if they were crooked, and afforded the spectators many thrills. The tumbling made us quite dizzy and we were all taken with the good performance of "Bananas".

The girls' dances were very pretty to look at and were a proof that Mrs. Whitaker and the girls had spent many hours in perfecting them.

Finals are often the best part of a performance and the finale of the Exhibition was no exception. It was an impressive sight. The entire performance, taken all in all, reflected much credit on the dear old school.

Charles Hewitt, '28.

Sophomore Menagerie

MONKEYS
John Whitehead
"Bill" Gardner
William Stitt
James Carstairs
John Conn
John Anthony
John McGraw
Milton Anderson
Murray Nelligan
Joseph Kiebler
Allen Divers
Walter Taylor
Clarence Wiedick
Louis Edgar
George Nordstrom
Dorothy Nelson
Dorothy Packer
Anna Olson
Dorothy Burkman
Harry Webster
Ella Robbins
Margaret Timmis
Lois Barefoot
Thelma Cotter
Anna Mae Rankin
Ruth Carlson
John Kiebler

HIPPOPOTAMUSES
Arthur Stroyd
Alfred Bond
Norman Sanderson
Lawrence Schlossnagel
Cecil Thompson
Stanley Thompson
Eugene Clawson
Dean Eamigh
Nathan Glasgow
Herbert Ogg
Sam Fisher
Elmer Churchfield
Edward Murphy
"Bud" Rutter
John Renner
Harry Benedum
Grace MacWilliams
Margaret Keay
Dorothy Lee
Fannie Bernstein
Helen Kornrumph
Edmund Shields
Mildred Soyak
Dolly Allison
Evelyn Livine
Dorothy Kirk
Leon Eils

CANARY BIRDS
Mary Gearhart
Elizabeth Murphy
Germaine Sorin
Madeline Stewart
Margaret Stroba
Helen Veith
Esther Wallis
Elloree Wilson
Ivella Kenny
Rudolph Berth
Joseph Rosenbloom
Clarence Stewart
Frank Scherer
Laurene Thompson
Ruth Conn
Grace Protheroe
Mary Kramer
"Dick" Fisher
John Murphy
William Thompson
Rigina Wasmuth
Barbara Bass
Isabella Robbins
Edna Pearson
Beulah Beverly
Robert Lindsay

PEACOCKS
Lucile Evans
Rosella Hags
Emma Leighty
Louise Tomlinson
Cecilia Sigel
Marie Stifango
Frances Stewart
Laura Thirkell
Thalia Watters
Emilie Mecklem
Elizabeth Maranda
Marion Newland
Nellie Rose
Lillian Bremner
Ester Brougher
Catherine Cramer
Wilma Henry
Mary E. Rushworth
Margaret Kaschuer
Robert Getz
Martin Fisher
Catherine Soles
Anna M. Laughran
Greta Bergquist
Florence Peterson
Martha Kohlhass
Charlotte Dierst

SOPHOMORE GIRLS

SOPHOMORE BOYS

Freshman Class History

On the morning of September seventh, at eight-twenty, numerous would-be scholars gathered at the door of Swissvale High School. Some of the most familiar faces were absent, but there were new ones to take their places. Could you tell the new ones from the others? Yes, indeed! Why the poor things actually looked rather frightened, just as you did when you came. Remember?

First they were ushered into the auditorium, and then assigned to report rooms. They were just beginning to get acquainted when chapel was announced and like the good sports they are, the freshmen, hid their reluctance and marched gravely in amid applause and shouting from upper-classmen, mostly sophisticated sophomores. One group was missing though. No one had sent for Mr. Smith's protégées, who, you may well believe, were glad of that oversight.

A few weeks afterward came nominations for class officers and with the help of the class sponsor, Miss Jahnig, the following officers were elected: Arthur Tener, Mary Murray, Scott Gardner and Myra Sepp.

Time elapsed with nothing until the party, at which time we broke into the school's social world. The result was a big success.

On March first we were entertained in chapel by a comedy written by Margaret Grande and portrayed by that clever person with the help of Mildred Johnson, Ellen Bailey and Dorothy Argall.

The class has shown marked and diverse ability in the fact that there are honor roll students with Charles Wertz, James Halferty and Grace Wegner heading the list and athletes such as Ruth Edgar, Martin Groat and Earl Kastler. Furthermore, you find freshmen in junior and senior boys' glee clubs, art club and wrestling contests.

As this, our first year, draws to a close we feel that we have made a good beginning, and we intend to improve it to the utmost, in showing of just what the class of '30 really consists.

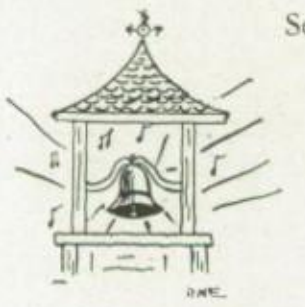
Isabel Hartman.

FRESHMEN GIRLS

FRESHMEN BOYS

Echoes from Grub Street

A High School Diary



Sept. 7 The Freshmen made their debut and fluttered timidly about with mouths agape and in constant fear of vicious upper-classmen.
Snobbish Sophomores strut along fully conscious of their recently acquired appellation, only to have it shattered when "His Majesty" looms around the corner.
The Juniors and Seniors have matured unbelievably during the past summer and if one were acquainted with the intricacies of a microscope, I'd wager a "promise of a moustache" could be detected on the lips of a few ambitious sons.

Sept. 8 The intensity of the heat has unfortunately affected our Perennial Bachelor of room eight, for, I have heard, he mistook dainty Miss Laing for an old flame, and rudely greeted her with a good-natured "How'r ya?"

Sept. 14 First Chapel Assembly. How we looked wistfully back at the chattering Freshmen and let our thoughts wander, perhaps, to when we fidgeted in our seats and tried to sing bass.

Sept. 20 Our Beau Brummel, professor of mechanical drawing, quite nonchalantly ambled up to his domain by the wrong staircase and was unfortunately greeted by Miss Eckles. He was mistaken for a Freshman and was most emphatically told to know his place.

Sept. 24 Won our first game! The Stadium was opened for a contest with Munhall and the crowds and cheering certainly were consistent with the playing.

Sept. 28 This morning in chapel Dick McCloy attempted to acquaint his audience with a Chopin waltz. Had his thoughts been given voice, I am sure an undue amount of profanity would have been audible.

Sept. 30 Mon Dieu: I can scarcely stroll along the halls any more without colliding with some Frosh.

Oct. 2 The heretofore unconquerable was defeated today, for the Westinghouse squad crumpled beneath our boys. We all attended and howled like Kamantchee Indians.

Oct. 4 I am sure Cicero never attempted to deliver Orations after having yelled as I did Saturday. The whole class resembles a chorus of fog horns.

Oct. 9 Again we sailed the sea of success this afternoon. The cause of our elated spirits was a scoreless tie with Union. The referee tried to suppress us by calling it a scoreless tie but we know.

Oct. 12 Mlle. Dia's French classes should encounter no difficulties in attempting some of those new yells Ned Cornelius has introduced.

Oct. 15 A game with Avalon this afternoon in which the squad displayed their remarkable prowess. I nearly fell off the truck.

Oct. 19 The talented Oscar Fyler amused us this morning with his trumpet.

Oct. 22 Our series of victories in football, however, culminated this afternoon at Duquesne. Despite the defeat we were very optimistic and blamed the weather.

Oct. 26 This idea of a circus launched by the faculty will certainly prove a harmless exhaust for some of us.

Oct. 28 Doris Eades rendered Herr Kreisler's "Liebesfreud" in Chapel this morning. For pronunciation and meaning consult Fraulein Sultzbacher.

Oct. 30 'Pon my word, I felt like cuffing one of those nasty boys from Wilkinsburg High. Just because they outplayed us a trifle this afternoon at football, they think their priviliges are unlimitable.

Nov. 2 Teachers are whispering, mysterious bundles are stowed in the cupboards, the art classes are slaving fast and furiously—surely this portends some event.

Nov. 5 The Circus! We howled, we chewed gum, used atrocious grammar, made love, consumed terrible concoctions, all masqueraded, made grimaces at the faculty, giggled—in other words, a dream materialized.

Nov. 9 Rev. R. L. Hutchinson gave a superb dissertation this morning on the folly of war.

Nov. 11 Armistice Day! No school today but we all cheerfully trudged over to the stadium and were the spectators of a victorious match with Clairton.

Nov. 18 Pround papas and mamas turn out "en masse" to hear their offspring warble in the operetta "Miss Cherryblossom". Florence Kibler was unparalleled.

Nov. 23 Vivtor (Squack) Knorr substituted for Ned Cornelius in leading cheers this morning. He, however, was the object of our yelling rather than the team.

Nov. 25 Thanksgiving! Our football season terminated with a glorious victory over Edgewood after which we guzzled some fowl and went to the Matinee.

Nov. 29 I've been eating cold turkey since Thanksgiving.

Dec. 3 Report Cards! My Heavens, Mable, ain't I marvelous to get eighty in English?

Dec. 9 Cedric Chapman rendered admirably "At Dawning" by Cadman, in chapel this morning. Doris Eades and he make such a lovely pair.

Dec. 15 The A. I. D. club art exhibit was held this evening. Mr. Saint Gaudens isn't so smart after all.

Dec. 20 The Boosters club conducted chapel this morning. 'Twas tolerable.

Dec. 22 This evening the Juniors and Seniors attempted to forget their feuds, long trousers, compacts, etc., by holding a kid's party. My little brother's Fauntleroy suit nearly disrupted my entire digestive apparatus.

Dec. 23 Where some of the guests of the fete last evening went after it was over is still a mystery for this morning witnessed them arrayed in the same juvenile apparel.
Were'nt Dick Tener's knees a scream?

Dec. 25 Christmas! Nothing need be said.

Jan. 4 Flashing new sweaters, ties, dresses flitted through the halls today—putting to use the annual swarm of Christmas gifts.

Jan. 7 Tonight was our first basketball game with Edgewood. 'Twas so exciting that the boy beside me sought other regions to watch, fearing further battlements. We lost by only one point.

Jan. 15 The Prom! Of course it was a beautiful fete. After ten draws at the punch bowl I became quite foxed for I vaguely remember of offering my hand to Miss Sultzbacher to dance an old fashioned clog.

Jan. 17 Exams! Mon Dieu!

Jan. 20 Class night! A most beautiful tableau in which the graduating class displayed their versatility in acting, singing and dancing.

Jan. 21 Commencement! The auditorium was suffocating, chairs squeaked, colds, the peaceful slumbering of a proud father, those hilariously colored caps-and-gowns all tended to make the evening enjoyable.

Jan. 24 The new semester commenced today and with schedules, wild-eyed freshmen, a panic-stricken principal, books, swarming study rooms and snappish teachers, one thought Bedlam had been unloosed.

Jan. 26 My schedule was so confused I landed in the auditorium for every period.

Feb. 4 Very daintily I tripped, in size ten arctics, over to the gym this evening and despite the impedimenta of gum, bonbons, eclairs, etc., I heartily congratulate the boys on their basketball victory over Edgewood. 25-17. Imagine!

Feb. 8 This morning in chapel, Mr. Presho of the Pittsburgh School of Accountancy, very minutely defined to us the road to Success. Quite amusing.

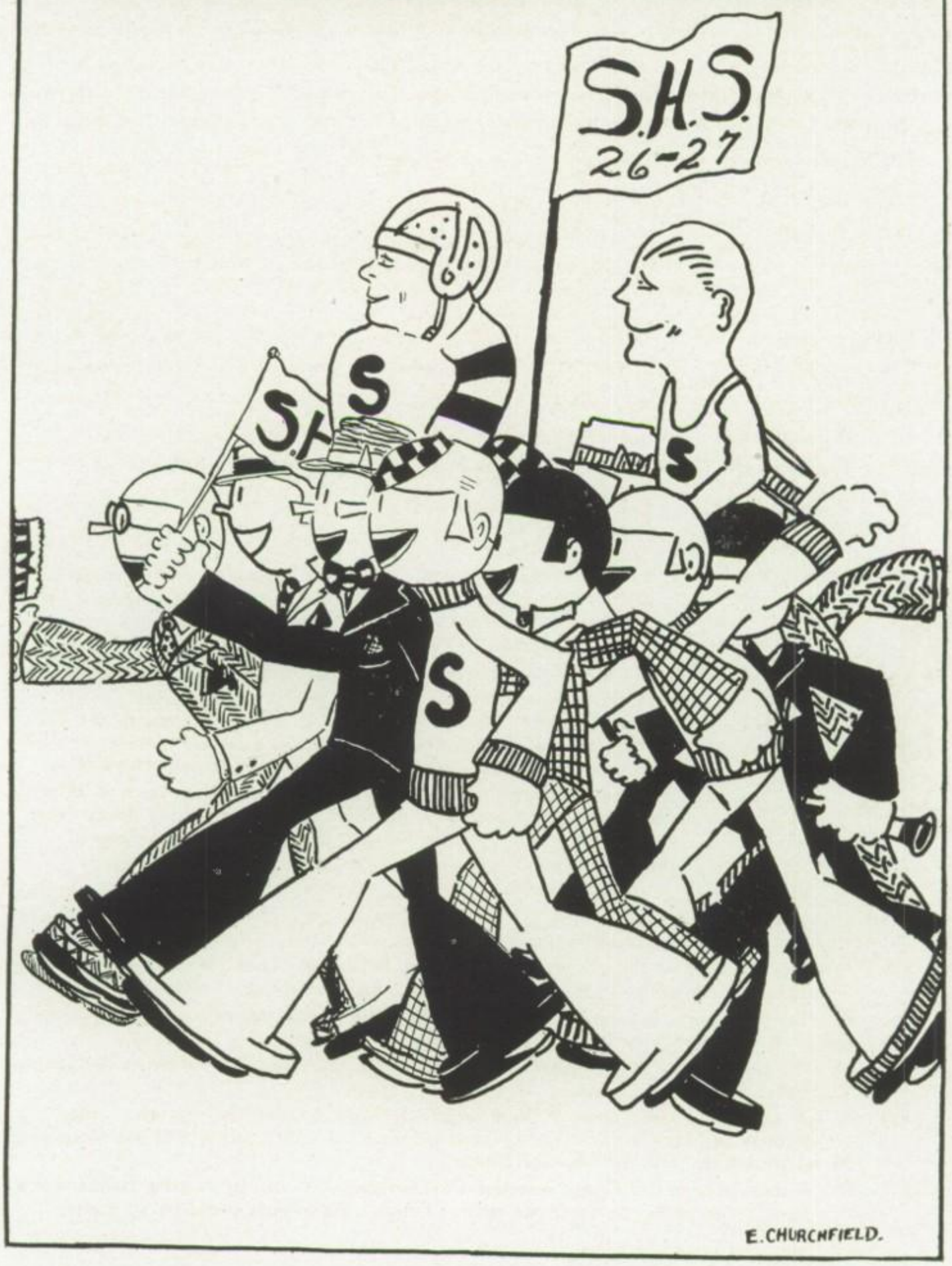
Feb. 12 The Freshmen A's celebrated last evening and from reports they surreptitiously poured some grape-juice into the punch. My! how risqué.

Feb. 14 I'm positive that Mr. Beecher was the source of that touching Valentine concluding with "Ever thine, Harry."

Feb. 18 A glorious victory over Wilkinsburg, after that to the Oswego and called for pretzels and root beer. The combination made us a little tipsy and we serenaded the waitress with "Du bist wie eine Blume".

Feb. 22 A most appropriate Chapel exercise this morning. A solo by Martha Hanna and a minuet danced by six Freshman girls. I didn't know girls could be so pretty.

ATHLETICS



Football

One of the most successful football seasons in the school's history began with Coach Heverly's call for recruits at the first of September this year. Forty boys, the largest squad on record, immediately were assembled and began to train for the work they had before them. And work it was, considering the strength of the teams scheduled. But, under the able tutoring of our coach and the leadership of Captain Cappezutto, they were soon formed into the strong and enduring machine, which was to carry the blue and gold through so many victories.

The honor of being the first team to realize our worth fell to Munhall. And realize it they did along with the overcrowded grandstands at the home stadium, who, assisted by three newly decorated cheerleaders, yelled themselves hoarse until finally rewarded with a 21-0 victory.

The next team to fall before our terrible onslaught was Westinghouse. Paulie's 100 yard dash was responsible for the only victory that we have ever taken from them. Westinghouse scored by blocking a kick, but could not follow up as we had done by a point after a touchdown. This memorable incident will live long in the minds of those who saw it and in the trophy case we have the "bacon" to further remind us, with a brilliant 7-6 painted upon it.

The following week was indeed a depressing one on account of the loss of Warner, Hultgren, and Campbell by the new eight-semester ruling. These men were the strength of our defense and many believed the loss of these boys would spell defeat at the hands of Union. But with true Swissvale High School courage we battled them to a scoreless tie although twice narrowly missing a score.

Oct. 28. Avalon at Avalon, read the schedule. And Avalon at Avalon usually being an easy game we decided that it would again be the same. And it was. Those loyal and ardent school supporters that emigrated there in force were finally presented with 7-0 victory.

Alas and also alack for the next battle, not being used to water polo we lost the game on account of the poor condition of the field at Duquesne 6-0.

This insult was paid for dearly the next Thursday. It was a cold, crisp day and the ground resembled in many ways a large flat brick pile. But the elements were in our cheering section evidently for we came out victoriously with the score board reading 10-0, Adams being responsible for a long and beautiful drop kick that practically settled the argument.

On to Wilkinsburg! It has not yet been decided whether this defeat was due to our luxuriant entry in taxis or to Wilkinsburg's peculiar talent for adding up points to the scoreboard when no one is looking. At any rate we were counted out to the score of 19-0.

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FOOTBALL SQUAD

1st Row, Left to Right: Kastler, Campbell, Cramer, Hoffman, Tener, Capezzuto, Capt., J. Hoovler, Murphy, Paulie, Gorham.
2nd Row: Asst. Mgr. Hewitt, Caldwell, Cassilo, Thompson, Stewart, Dunsworth, Bullions, Miller, Coach Heverly, Hultgren, B. Hoovler, S. Gardner, Tarr, Shaggets, Stitt, Whitehead, Mr. Reynolds.
3rd Row: Litman, Craig, Burgard, Carr, Taylor, A. Capezzuto, Edgar, Brown, McTiernan, Watkins, Farr, Laney, Rutter, B. Gardner, A. Tener, Dowling, Cenname, Foxall.

The Football Banquet

December 4, 1926 the Athletic Association held the annual banquet in honor of the 1926 football squad. Besides the squad and Coach Heverly, there were students, alumni, members of the faculty, members of the school board, and townspeople present. After the delicious repast speakers were introducd by Mr. Gregory, the toastmaster. The Rev. R. L. Hutchinson spoke first. He was followed by Dr. Carlson, Freshman football coach at the University of Pittsburgh, who spoke on "Ideals and Their Achievement." Mr. Young, Mr. Kelso, members of the school board, alumni, represented by Andrew Soyak, and other well-wishers also spoke. Mr. Zimmerman, in behalf of several of the Swissvale business men; namely, Mr. Frankle, Mr. Nied, Mr. W. G. Mockett, and himself, presented the school with an order for one dozen football blankets. This backing, both financial and spiritual, was thankfully received.

Coach (Doc) Haverly after a short talk presented the awards. Adams, Hultgren, Warner, Campbell, Hoffman, Capt. Capezutto, and Tener received gold footballs for having earned two or more letters in that sport in their senior year. Whitehead, Murphy, McTiernan, Hoovler, Gorham and Cramer received letters.

Capt. Capezutto, in behalf of the squad, presented Doc Heverly with a fraternity pin in recognition of his work in putting out one of the best teams Swissvale ever had.

William Reynolds, in behalf of the squad, presented Capt. Capezutto with a pen and pencil set and his senior class ring, in recognition of his leadership and fight in the preceding season.

Manager Reynolds then presided at the election for the 1927 captain, John Whitehead being unanimously elected. This ended the banquet and also the high school football career for nine of this year's squad.

Richard Tener '27.

FOOTBALL, Continued

Another beautiful morning resembling spring much more than winter supplied a fitting background for our final triumph of the year. Thanksgiving day indeed witnessed one of the greatest conflicts of the year at the Edgewood stadium. It was also a battle for distinction between our new band and that of Edgewood. Ours, of course, won.

The game, however, was not so easily won. At the end of the first half the setting appeared to be pretty black for Swissvale. But Edgewood could not win after the humiliation of last year and they did not. The Blue and Gold was parked dangerously near Edgewood's goal post when the final whistle blew announcing the end of the game and proclaiming a 6-0 victory for us. Thus one of the greatest seasons in our history was brought to a close which we account mainly to the bulldog courage of the squad and the untiring efforts of Coach Heverly.

Wrestling

This year the wrestling team entered its third season with high hopes for a successful one. After the seniors won the Interclass meet with the final score of Seniors 11, Juniors 10, Sophomores 10, Freshmen 5, the boys started down to work and soon formed a first class wrestling team. Ted Cramer was elected captain, who, by the way, makes a most efficient one. In their first meet with Dormont March 11, at home, they ran into a little hard luck, the score being 20-13 against them. The following is the result of the meet:

105-lb. Class—Stitt of Dormont threw Henderson of Swissvalle; time 2:12.
115-lb. Class—Captain Murphy of Dormont threw Dunsworth of Swissvale; time 1:25.
125-lb. Class—Sullivan of Dormont threw Edgar of Swissvale; time 7:00.
135-lb Class—Brown of Dormont threw Taylor of Swissvale; time 2:29.
145-lb. Class—McTiernan of Swissvale threw Smith of Dormont; time 1:27.
158-lb Class—Captain Cramer of Swissvale threw Sterling of Dormont; time 3:10.
175-lb Class—Gorham of Swissvale gets the decision over Dawson of Dormont.
Referee—James McClain.

However, they were by no means discouraged, but instead dove into harder work with the result of beating Dormont two weeks later, March 25, on their floor, the score being 13-11. The following is a summary of the meet:

105-lb Class—Stitt of Dormont gets the decision over Bach of Swissvale.
115-lb Class—Dunsworth of Swissvale threw Captain Murphy of Dormont by agreement.
125-lb. Class—Edgar of Swissvale gets the decision over Sullivan of Dormont.
135-lb Class.—Brown of Dormont threw Axon of Swissvale; time 2:55.
145-lb. Class—Dawson of Dormont gets the decision over McTiernan of Swissvale.
160-lb. Class—Captain Cramer of Swissvale threw Sterling of Dormont; time 3:55.
Referee—James McClain.

Boys' Basketball

Without a doubt, Boys' basketball in 1927 enjoyed the most successful season in the history of the school. It was the first time that we were ever dangerous contenders for the sectional championship. Most of the games were well played with close scores. Each of our three league defeats were inflicted by one point margins. Our success was unquestionably due to the fighting spirit of the whole squad and the excellent support given by the student body. At the end of the season we were in third place in Section III, having won seven games and lost three.

The Basketball Banquet was held at the Seventh Ave. Hotel on March 12, the entire squad being present. After a very appetizing dinner a short program was given. Mr. Young gave a talk on "High Schools and Athletics". Dick Tener presented Coach Heverly with a picture in recognition of his faith and loyalty during the season. This was followed by the presentation of awards by Doc. Heverly. Gold basketballs were given to Dick Tener and Don Adams while Patterson, Chapman, Scherer, Campbell and Manager Long received letters. The program ended with the election of Frank Scherer as next year's captain.

Girls' Basketball 1927

If success were measured by the number of points made in a season's playing perhaps the girls' basketball team would not be in the lead, but if considered from a standpoint of benefits derived, we feel sure that Swissvale would be at the top. Every team has a year in which they must pay the price and we believe that this was Swissvale's, due to the fact that they had to deal with practically a new group of players. However, if this be loss to us, we hope it will be victory in the future and success is ours.

Letters were awarded to Coulter, Jones, McGuire, Greer, D. Lee, Dierst and Edgar.

Mrs. H. D. Whitaker.....Coach
Miss Charlotte Dierst .....Captain
Miss Rachael Greer .....Manager
Miss Dorothy Lee .....Ass't Manager

LINEUP.

Rachel Greer .....Forward
Dorothy Lee .....Forward
Grace Coulter .....Center
Stella McGuire .....Side-Center
Charlotte Dierst .....Guard
Ruth Edgar .....Guard
Martha O'Hare .....Center
Charlotte Jones .....Side-Center
Rosella Hags .....Forward
Eleanor Lee .....Guard

Track

Each year track is becoming more and more one of the major sports in all the leading colleges and high schools; and we find it coming more to the front each year as one of our major sports.

Last year when Doc Heverly issued a call for candidates there were a number of promising men among those who turned out. Although Swissvale did not win any meets it can be said that 1926 was the best season track has ever enjoyed here. The Inter-Class meet was won by the Juniors which speaks well for the 1927 season. For the first time in the history of the school Swissvale placed in the Carnegie Tech and Pitt meets. In the Tech meet, in the class relay, the team won second honors, while in the Pitt meet Dick Fisher won second place in the javelin. The team made a very good showing in the East Borroughs and the Schenley-Union-Swissvale meets, winning several places in each. In individual point scoring James Hoovler and Bus Ayres were high and these are two men who will be missed very much this year.

This year the team should make a still better showing as there will be several letter men back as well as some of the more developed underclassmen. The chief desire of this year's team is to win the East Burroughs meet and all efforts will be directed towards it.

The 1927 schedule is:

April 23 ..... Wilkinsburg
April 30 ..... East Burroughs
May 7 ..... Carnegie Tech Meet
May 14 ..... Pitt Meet
May 21 ..... W. P. I. A. L. Meet
May 25 ..... Union

ORGANIZATIONS

Senior Girls' Club

Honorary President—Miss Piper.

Secretary—Thelma Dowling Treasurer—Lois Lyden

The Senior Girl's Club is brand new this year. We girls in the Senior A class organized it but we thought it would be much jollier to have the Senior B girls members too, so we invited them to join us. Their initiation meeting was an informal tea which proved such a social success that we decided to entertain our mothers, the faculty and others at teas throughout the year.

The real aim of the club though is not to perfect us in the art of tea drinking, but to support girls' activities in the school and to promote a more friendly, big sisterly spirit among all the girls of Swissvale high.

The Booster Club

The Booster Club of Swissvale High School, organized in 1925-26, is still carrying on its good work. The purpose of the club is to boost and further all school activities. The sale of the season athletic tickets was well managed by them this year. The club held a dinner and get-together meeting in the gym for the purpose of closer relationship and understanding between the students and teachers. It was a great success.

The Band

Few are the organizations that deserve their space in this book more than the band. Though its work has been mostly in quality this year, we have seen enough of it to appreciate it greatly. The first proud appearance of the band was at the Clairton football game where I am sure it had no small influence in the outcome. We next heard from it at the Circus, where it again won honors. A great amount of credit for the success of this organization is due to Miss Hamilton who has reared it from its infantile state into the position it holds now. We sincerely hope that next year the bushel will be removed and the light allowed to shine forth in great brilliancy.

Robert McCall, '28.

The A. I. D. Club

The A. I. D. club, through the wise and helpful supervision of Miss Thomas, continued to ascend the heights of success this year as apparent by the posters for the plays, the operetta, and especially the circus. The club not only made posters for the circus but also changed sheets of unbleached muslin into elephants, horses, giraffes, and every other conceivable or inconceivable sort of animal.

Each year the club aims to achieve some new objective. This was accomplished this year in the form of talks on foreign countries given in chapel, and the Art Exhibition given by the students at the first of the year. Another enterprise was the slides on Class night which were in reality some of Tom Shane's cartoons.

The exhibition was the open meeting for the year, while the regular meetings were usually formal with some kind of contest to create interest and develop ability.

OFFICERS

President ..... Louise Mockett
Vice-President ..... Harold Hoffman
Secretary ..... Ruth Edgar
Treasurer ..... Peter Greco

Calendar of Commercial Club Events

1926-1927

October 1: Forty-six members enrolled. Election of officers for the new year.

October 22: Play in two acts entitled, "A Commercial Club Organizes." An entertaining and educational program giving instruction in parliamentary practice.

November 5: Demonstration of the Monroe Calculating Machine given by the company's representative, Mr. McClure. As a result, the use of two machines for six weeks.

December 3: Visited the Union Switch & Signal Co. Interesting talk by Mr. Sheffey, followed by a tour of the shop.

December 10. Speaker: Mr. Morgan, President of the First National Bank of Swissvale. Instructive talk on banking.

February 4: Discussion of the "Transcript" for 1927. Reports of various committees at work on the book.

February 18: Trip to the offices of the Remington Typewriting Co. Demonstration of their latest makes of typewriters.

March 4: One act play entitled "Hooks and Crooks." A successful presentation by our Juniors.

March 18: Contest between Juniors and Seniors on the subject "Why I Like S. H. S."

The forecast of future meetings promises equally as good programs.

James Craig, Reporter.

VALISTIC STAFF

Editor-in-Chief ..... Mary Thompson
Assistant Editor ..... Dixon McCloy
Business Manager ..... Robert Zimmerman
Circulation Manager ..... Melvin Nelson
Personals and Alumni ..... Mildred Soyak
Literary Editor ..... Elaine Foraker
Boys' Athletics ..... Richard Tener
Girls' Athletics ..... Grace Coulter
Clubs and Activities ..... Albert Anderson
Inter-class News ..... Florence Schott
Faculty Advisor ..... Miss Rae Tennant

The French Club interests French students, the Drama Club appeals to those with dramatic ability, the Art Club interests the artists, and the Glee Club interests those with musical talent, but—the Valistic interests everyone.

Our paper, the first issue of which appeared in the fall of 1925, has, under the able leadership of Miss Rae Tenant become firmly established. The staff has devoted itself to improving each issue until we have, as a result, the Valistic of today, one of the finest and most complete high school papers in this district.

One of the most striking features of the Valistic is that it is not the property of the upperclassmen—it belongs to all the students. Contributions are as welcome from one source as another—they are judged by their real worth.

We feel that the Valistic is a permanent fixture in the Swissvale High School—that it is here to stay because it has endeared itself to the heart of every student, as well as the teachers and townspeople. So, in closing we say that "students may come and students may go, but the 'Valistic' lives on forever."

Drama Club

OFFICERS

Evelyn Cropp ..... President
Thelma Dowling ..... Vice-President
Don Madigan ..... Secretary
Robert Zimmerman ..... Treasurer

The Drama Club, though one of the newest clubs to be formed, is now firmly established and one of the leading organizations of the school.

The programs are always enjoyable and serve to keep up the interest of the club. They are devoted to the discussion of the lives and work of famous actors and writers. A novel way of responding to roll call, by the use of the name of a play, actor, or writer is employed. The members of the club learn much of dramatic value by the discussions and criticisms of the plays presented in Pittsburgh.

The club is greatly indebted to its sponsor, Miss Sulzbacher, for her work in making it a success.

Ida McClelland '28.

The Omar Khayyam Club

CLUB OFFICERS

First Semester:

President ..... Bertram Miles
Vice-President ..... Robert Zimmerman
Secretary & Treasurer ..... Arthur Latshaw

Second Semester:

President ..... Charles Hewitt
Vice-President ..... Ida McClelland
Secretary & Treasurer ..... Norman Lynn

The Omar Khayyam Club has continued to strengthen the fine reputation established in the two preceding years of its existence.

Keeping in mind the adage "Variety is the Spice of Life" the Club endeavors to make the programs cover a wide range of interesting subjects and has made use of many new and interesting features.

As a Society we owe much to our faculty sponsor, Miss Laing, for her helpful suggestions and guidance during this year.

Ida McClelland '28.

Sophomore Literary

The Sophomore Literary Society has progressed and flourished during the past year of arduous work.

We have held many profitable and entertaining meetings. On one occasion presenting an excerpt from the play, "She Stoops to Conquer," and on another the story of the opera "Carmen".

Among the several features of our programs were recitations, stories, and special musical numbers.

The officers have been as follows:

Walter Taylor ..... President
Dorothy Lee ..... Vice-President
Greta Bergquist ..... Secretary & Treasurer
Dolly Allison ..... Corresponding Secretary

The club has been under the supervision of Miss Laing.

Dolly Allison (Cor. Sec.)

Le Circle Francais

LES OFFICIERS

Président ..... Mlle. Rachel Greer
Vice-Président ..... Mlle. Flora Eyman
Secrétaire ..... Mlle. Jean MacAchren
Trésorier ..... Mlle. Stella McGuire

LES MEMBRES

M. Harry Martin—Peu de tout mais rien beaucoup.
M. Harold Rustbridge—Long comme un mât.
Mlle. Odessa Scott—Petite, délicate fleur.
M. Roy Connor—Beau Brummel.
Mlle. Helen Hotham—Elle est toujours riante et gaie.
Mlle. Rachel Greer—Une vive demoiselle et une bonne enfant.
M. Albert Anderson—C'est grand plaie être trop beau.
M. Arthur Wegner—Le temps c'est de l'argent.
Mlle. Flora Eyman—Mieux vaux sagesse que richesse.
Mlle. Lois Lyden—Il prend si peu la faire rire.
Mlle. Evelyn Pouder—Si tranquiéte et réservée.
Mlle. Dorothy Hill—Beaucoup de rire, et peu de larmes.
M. Bill Rushworth—Pourquoi la vie devrait-elle être tout travail?
Mlle. Jean MacAchren—Mieux vant tard que jamais.
Mlle. Stella McGuire—Ce n'est que le premier pas qui coûte.
La Sponseur Mlle. Dia—Grande douce et très complète.

The Orchestra

The orchestra has had a much better season than ever before. Our Freshmen and other recruits have proven very helpful. We have two periods each week for practice, consequently we have had time for the preparation of a larger repertoire. We have played for all the regular school events. We also went to the Ladies G. A. R. Home and played for one of their festivities. We are now preparing for the Junior and Senior plays, which will soon be given.

The membership this year consists of Dick McCloy, pianist, who has succeeded Doris Eades and Dorothy Braun who graduated at Mid-Year. The violinists are Cedric Chapman, Edwin Price, Lillian Bremner, Germaine Sorin, Bob McCranor, George Nordstrom and Herbert Foote. Our sax player, Allen Divers, is still with us and puts plenty of "pep" in our group. We also have three trombone players, Martha O'Hare, Grant Bailey, and Bob McCall. Our trumpeters are Oscar Fyler and Warren Nupp, who fills in as pianist on some occasions. Emmett O'Hare is now with us, playing his clarinet.

We are still under the direction of Miss Carrie Hamilton who has done much to make the orchestra what it is. She has also started the boys and girls in the grade schools and with this training which they will receive there, they will be better fitted for the places they are to fill in the High School; so we are looking forward to happy and prosperous times for the next year and for years to come.

Cedric L. Chapman '28.

GLEE CLUB

As we know, everything at Swissvale High is marching steadily forward, and the Glee Club is not behind the rest. The work for this year began with a performance at Teachers' Institute in the fall, and after this the club settled down to a long siege of practice for the annual operetta. The selection chosen this year was different from any of the others so far, the action taking place in Japan. Both setting and costumes were delightfully dainty and charming.

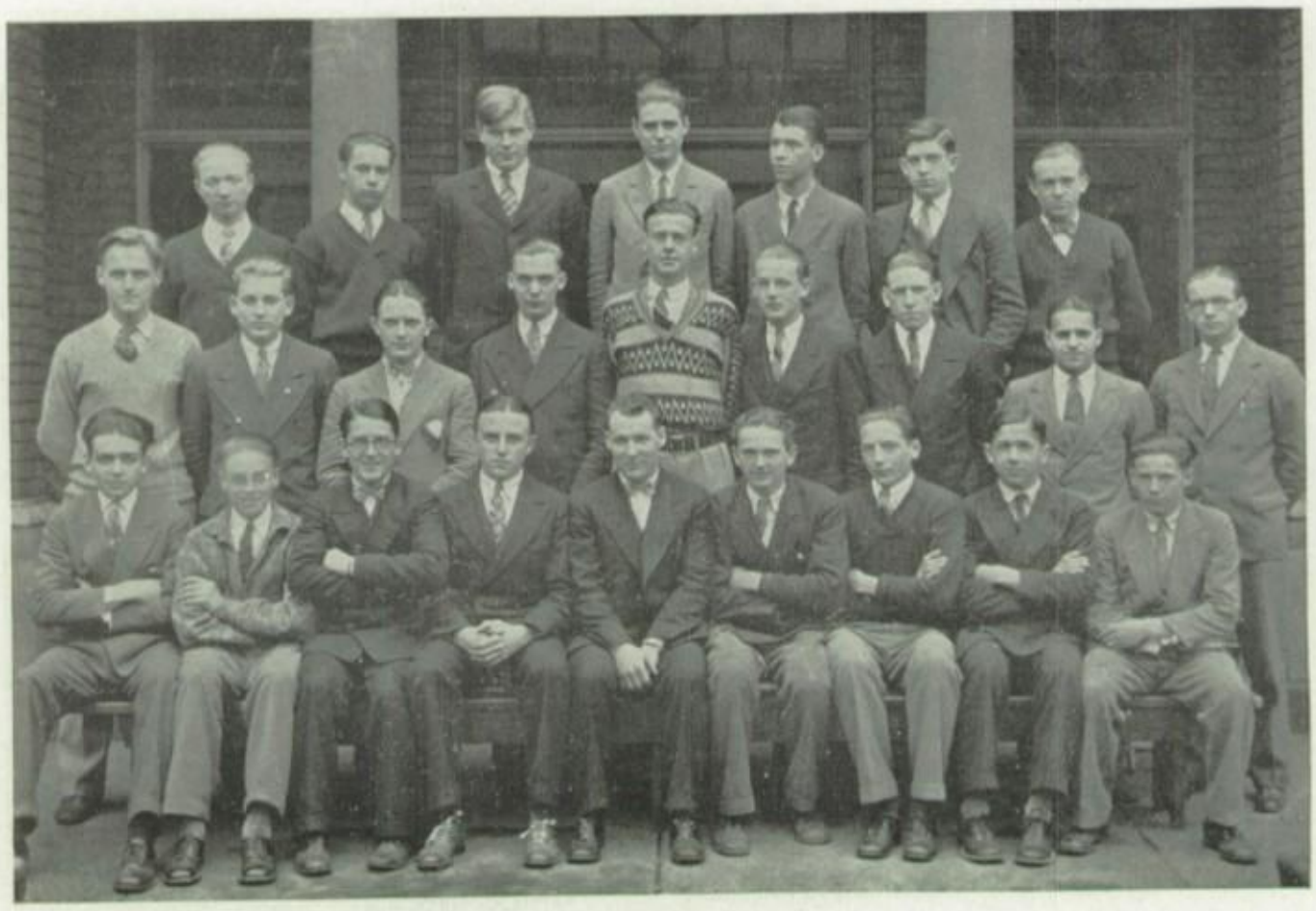
The story of "Miss Cherry-blossom" deals with the romance of an American girl who, owing to the death of her parents, is ignorant of her identity and has been brought up by a quaint old Jap who plans to marry her to a rich native politician. Just at this point a party of American visitors appear on the scene, and one of the men falls in love with Cherry. Of course numerous difficulties arise, but Jack overcomes them and in the end everyone is happy. The cast was as follows:

Miss Cherry-blossom .....Florence Keibler
Kokem, her supposed father .....William Reynolds
John Henry Smith, in love with Cherry .....Roy Connor
Henry Foster Jones, a friend of Smith's .....Bertram Miles
Horace Worthington, a New York stock broker .....Grant Bailey
James Young, Worthington's secretary .....Victor Knorr
Jessica Vanderpool, Worthington's niece .....Bernice Altman
Togo, a Japanese politician .....James Hoovler

The next appearance of the club was at the Mid-year commencement. Many of the most valuable members graduated at this time, including Doris Eades, the pianist. However, both the Sophomore and Freshman classes promise well for the future, and it is hoped that this organization will continue to improve, in spite of its recent losses.

On March 24th, the school was entertained in chapel with a selection of Beethoven's, which was well rendered, and much enjoyed. The activities for the year will close in June when the club will furnish music for the spring commencement.

"MISS CHERRYBLOSSOM" CAST



The Physics Club

	First Semester	Second Semester
President	Howard Long	Roy Connor
Vice-President	Melvin Nelson	Leonard Burgard
Secretary and Treasurer	Thomas Oster	Warren Caldwell

The Physics Club, a branch of one of the oldest clubs in the school, the Science Club, is just concluding a most successful year under the leadership of Mr. Roese.

Trips, entertainments and interesting programs have made the year an eventful one.

The club has always been a source of pleasure for those interested in science and we hope the same pleasure and interest will greet the efforts of the future.

Melvin Nelson '27.

Chemistry Club

The Chemistry Club, one of the most interesting and beneficial organizations in the school, assembled this term for the first time on October 9, 1926. Since then it has accomplished much work and covered many and various subjects relating to its branch of science.

The object of the club is to get its members interested in chemistry and applying its use to every day life. This object is quite a needful one since few students put the theoretical knowledge of their text into practice. Under the excellent guidance of Mr. Baily, they have traveled far toward their goal.

One of the reasons for the success of the organization is the extreme efficiency of its officers. They are:

Earl Patterson ..... President
Melvin Nelson ..... Vice-President
Mary Thompson ..... Secretary
Nancy Bullions ..... Treasurer

ALUMNI

In the Annals of Fame
Are recorded the name
Of many a noble or peer
But there's no greater name
In the Annals of Fame
Than those we've recorded here.

CLASS OF '26

Carl Laney, Carolyn Marshall, Lois McKibben, Kathryn Callander, Eddie Jamison, Griselda Best, Eddie Moore and Lorene Slossnagel are all employed by the Union Switch and Signal Company. "Eddie" and Lorene are also attending Pitt Night School.

Harold Wiend, Viers Adams, Art Greenwald, John McCloy and Elvira Sutter are attending University of Pittsburgh.

George Dunay is attending Geneva. "Go to it, George."

John Hewitt is attending Antioch College in Ohio.

Josephine Hammer, Emma Roth and Robert Bond are attending Duffs-Iron City College.

Eileen Boyd is a "stenog" with Miller Glass Machine Company.

Alda Adams, our Quaker lass, is back in "Philly".

Dorothy Fisher, Louise Peterson, and Florence White are attending Pennsylvania College for Women.

"Bussy" Ayres is attending University of Pennsylvania.

Anna Kohl is a "stenog" at the Westinghouse.

Howard Laurent, our future "financier", is with Post and Flagg, Pittsburgh Brokers.

Luella Heginbothan is working for the National Fire Insurance Company in Pittsburgh.

Loci Lawrence is a chemist at the Carrie Furnaces.

Bill Long is "wrapped up" in his work—winding coils for Westinghouse Company at Homewood.

Adelaide Oakley is attending Wilson College at Chambersburg.

Mildred Parker and Ruth Savage are at home.

Johnny Tufts is somewhere in "Sunny California".

Johnny Murrin is attending Duquesne University.

Dillie Parker is working for Rieck's Ice Cream Company.

Melvin Wach is with Mayer Hardware Company.

Jimmy Loughran can be seen every day in surveying togs. Probably a surveyor, Eh! Jimmy?

Jack Waltenbaugh has moved to Tarentum.

Ellengale Sumpter is studying dramatic art.

Mary Culbertson is with the Westinghouse Company.

Freda May has moved away from us.

Elizabeth Rude is working for Joseph Horne Co.

John Watkins is with Westinghouse Air Brake.

Alice Grandey is working for Frank & Seder.

MID YEAR '26

Dick Matlat is a local shoe merchant and we might add a successful one.
Cecil Haggard is doing research work for the Westinghouse Co.
Homer Johnstonbaugh is studying music at Tech.
Howard Eyman is attending Penn State.
Florence Rutter is helping to light the world. She works for the Philadelphia Co.
Alma Sage is a Freshman at Pitt.
Paul Morrison is with the Duquesne Light.
Gladys Devlin is attending Indiana State Normal.
Bertha Riling is married.

CLASS '25

Lawrence McKibben is at Tech. He also has been giving violin lessons.

Helen Miller, George Speidel, Wendell Holmes, and Ray Allison are attending Pitt. Ray and Wendell both made good with the Pitt Glee Club.

Herbert Taylor is doing research work for U. S. & S. Co. He is also attending Tech Night School.

Jane Watt is with Pgh. Gasoline Pump Co.
Mary Dierst is in training for nurse at the Columbia Hospital.
Betty Thompson is working at the U. S. & S. Co. and attending Pitt Night School.
Ruth Hill is working at the Ruud Hot Water Co.

CLASS '24

"Bugs" Eshman is the Junior partner in the Central Garage, a local enterprise.
Randall Lightner is holding down a good job with the Press.
Margery Hewitt is attending the University of Michigan.
Dan Kelso is attending Westminster and is business manager of the Argo.
Wilson Scott and Luther Bailey are in the photography business.

Andy Soyak, Art Redding, and "Pickles" Nichols are big boys in the McClintock Marshall, so they say.

CLASS '23

Ruth Packer and Priscilla Jamieson are braving the sea of matrimony or in other words, they are married.

Tom O'Brien is attending Duquesne University.
Mack Thompson is working for the U. S. & S. Co.
Bunny Burtt is doing surveying work.
Francis Johnston is with the Pennsylvania Trust in Pittsburgh.

ABOUT THE ANCIENTS

Burt Hackett of '22 is attending Penn State.
Roy Smith of '22 is studying medicine at Pitt.
Dick Hill of '21 is a teller in a local bank.
Max Bailey of '20 is a graduate of Annapolis.

Paul Long of '20 is holding down a good job with U. S. & S. Co., and is a graduate of Pitt.

Doris McGowan of '20 is a librarian in the local library.
Paul Schrozen of '19 is a dentist of the Regent Square.
Horace Mockett of '18 is a local contractor.
Milton Lowell of '17 is a doctor.
Ruben Peterson of '19 is a well-known local specialist.

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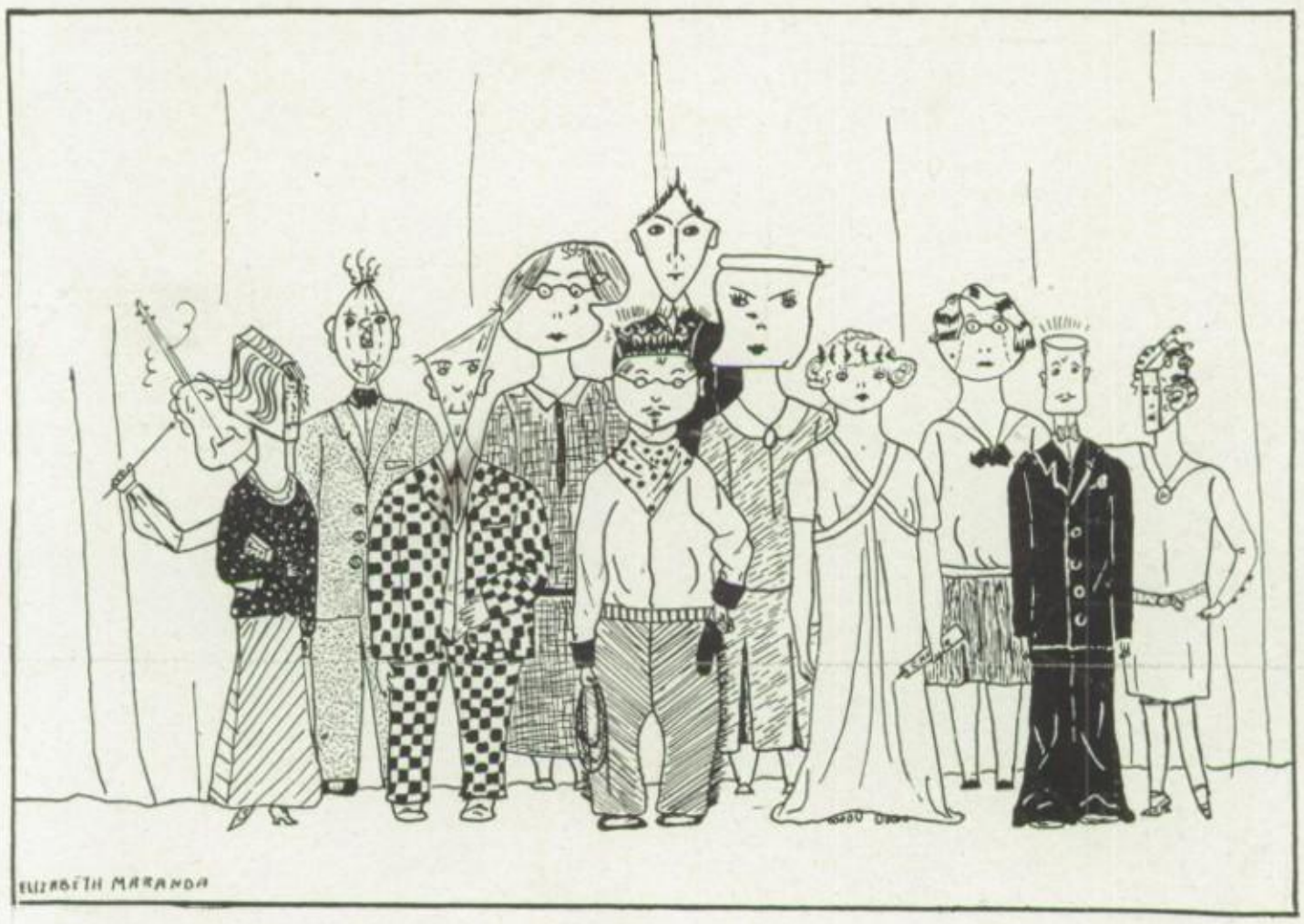


Fa-cul-tee

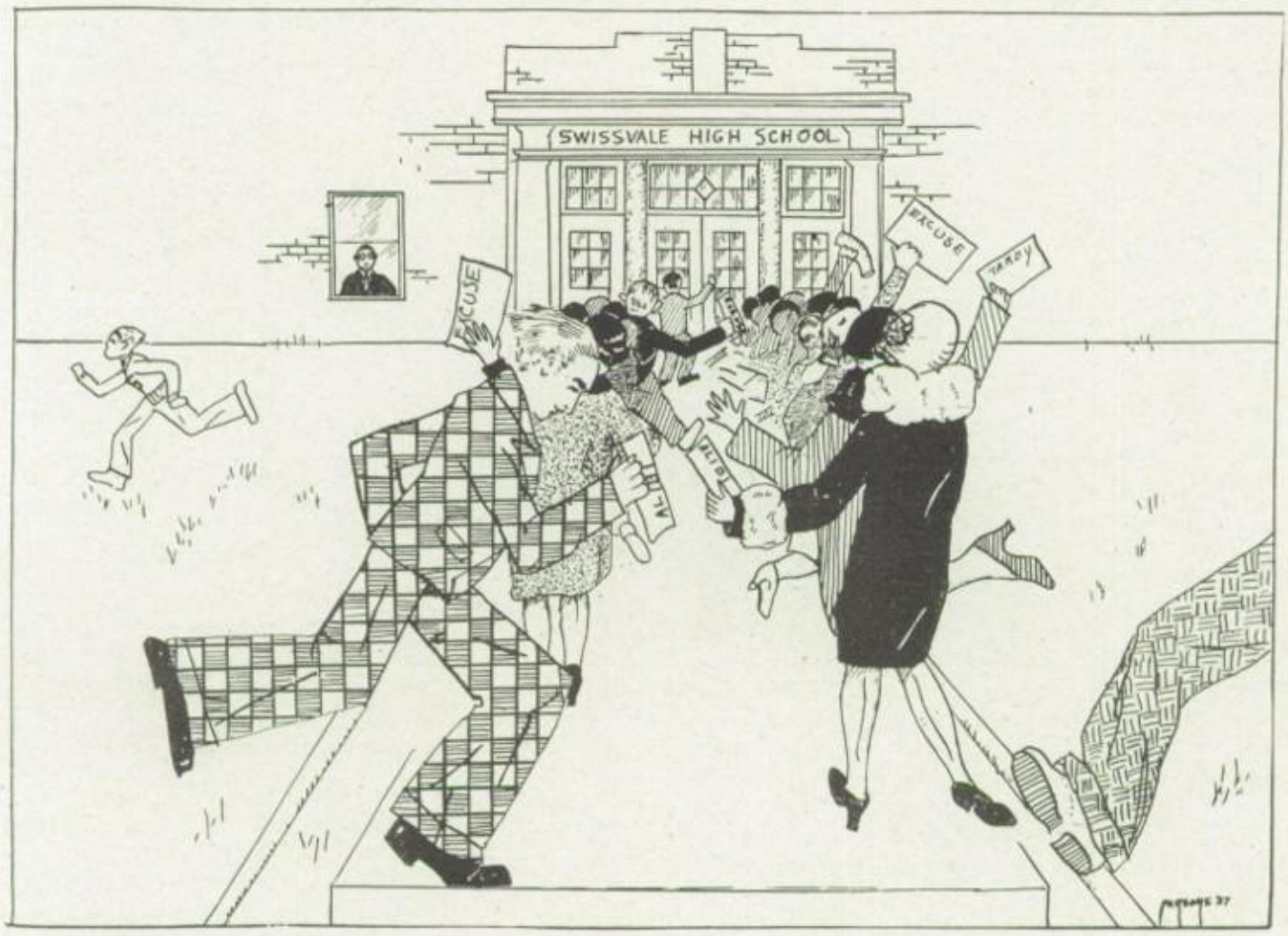
No, they are not jailbirds. They are the members of a new secret organization, which has recently originated in the school. It met for the first time in Mr. Ritter's office on November 15, and elected Charles Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Young, President, Samuel Smith, first cousin of Pocohantas' shiek, Vice-President; Mr. Roese, prominent Broadway florist, Treasurer and Rae Tenant, millionaire landlady of the Sherman Block, Secretary. So you see the club is made up of many outstanding figureheads. The club adopted the name of Fa-Cul-Tee, which implies Flunk'em, Can'em and Treat'em rough—their particular line of work. As the formation of the club is quite recent, it is yet to be seen what they will do; but we expect much work from them, especially nightwork.

A regular meeting is held every once in awhile, out in front of Greenberg's Drug Store in order to make life more miserable for the student body.

Kid Party

It was exactly two days before Christmas and our worthy seniors in quest of the Ponce De Leon lost fountain of "Extreme Youth", perambulated into the gym and held a merry "be yourself but don't crawl" party. Miss Dia acted as motherly matron and was assisted by Mrs. Petrie whose attire suggested an ultra modern flapper or a shortage on goods. Although bloomers and gym pants were the predominating articles of clothing, all varieties of children's wear were represented. Entertainment was furnished by a cute little child, alias Don Adams, whose suspenderbass voice was pleasing to their jazz tortured ears. The girls of the party formed a quartette and rendered a few selections. Their singing was pronounced a howling success but they were requested to refrain from any more noise. The feature event of the evening was a football game between the members of the Senior A and B classes, the huddle system being employed by both teams. Time began to drag and the paternal Mr. Young sent them home in time for the bedtime story.

Although nothing stronger than water was served it is interesting to note that about ten members of the party forgot to change their clothing that night and came prancing into school next morning only to be confronted by Mr. Young, who generously donated to each offender a D in conduct.



Track Team

To ye who insist on coming to school every morning on the twenty-nine and a half past eight express, we do most heartily dedicate this bit of boloney. It is doubtful whether a faster group of athletes could be assembled than those that appear every morning at Mr. Young's office seeking that little "hard to get, can't be got" pink slip. Every morning it's the same thing. The eight thirty bell starts a stampede that is rivaled only by the French Revolution. It is a good sight for bad eyes to see some of our 200 pounders such as Miller step off the 100 in 9 seconds flat and Adams broad jump about 50 ft. which is the distance between his bedroom and the school. And then there is "Warhorse Cramer" who is said to have covered the mile in three minutes. These are only a few of the hundreds of "Boy Wonders" that make up our Track team each morning. The boy wonders during the past year were only late about 500 times but they are hoping for a better score next year.

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FOOTSMALL BANQUET

The foot-small team, schoolboard, members of the faculty and fellow clash-mates were entertained by the Athletic Association at a band-quit given in the High School Gym, Thursday evening, December 4, 1926. A delicious golf course dinner was served and our boys spent most of their time in howling "more".

The color scheme was black and blue, decorating being done by members of the opposing teams, and entertainment furnished by the aroma of Vick's slave. Robert McCraner was post-master in place of George Eadie.

Talks were furnished by the "Nuf Ced Credit Co." Immediately after Doc. Heverly presented letters to members of the farce-city, Captain Frank Capezzuto presented Heverly with an ice cream cone, and Heverly in return gave Frank the cone, explaining that he did not like wafers.

Manager Reynolds consumed everything including the chair, and nominations for next year's Captain followed. A most worthy and promising man — Harry Zimmerman — was elected.

POPULARITY CONTEST

The excitement during the last election of the most popular student in Swissvale High School far surpassed that of any previous year. The intense interest in the election was undoubtedly due to the candidates running. Clarance Mander due to his ability to cook, was endorsed by the Girls' Club while Dorothy Nelson was chosen by the boys as his opponent. Miss Nelson, owing to her popularity with the boys was looked upon as a sure winner but the girls conducted an extensive vamping campaign and induced many of the weak-hearted boys to vote for Mander. But, nevertheless, when the votes were counted the election turned out to be a tie, neither candidate being elected. A re-election will be held in the near future.

BARNUM LOSES PARTNER

Our beloved alchemy instructor has at last returned to the fold. We welcome him as we missed him—enthusiastically. After his many hair-raising experiences he declares that he is glad to get back. He even states that he was never all there—but kept thinking of us. "My homesickness was kept ever before me," declares our hero, "since my position of training the wild animals reminded me so much of room 8."

Other fitting positions held by our instructor included the training of gorillas and bearded ladies, and acting as official barker. He made a special success of the latter it seems. "All my success as a barker or all that I had ever hoped to have I owe to my noble chemistry class," he declares, "especially to Melvin Nelson, McKibben, and Capezzuto."

He also declares that it was due entirely to his beauty and straight forwardness which are ever in evidence in the school, that made him a junior partner in the show. The animals also assure us of this.

GLEE CLUB SINGS FOR MUTE SCHOOL

Our night-in-gales have at last been appreciated. Yes sir, wishing to do more damage after singing for and decreasing the enrollment of the G. A. R. home by one-half the songsters turned their attention toward the Mute School where they were warmly welcomed as part of the Pittsburg Zoo. The club claims their program to be an absolute success since only those who could hear slightly had to be carried out. People of the municipalities of Wilkinsburg, Braddock and Muckelrat also admit that the program was good although riot calls were turned in in each of these towns on account of it. One of the most popular numbers sung was composed by William Gardner '29 and is entitled "Where the Lazy Daisies Grow." The Glee Club was thanked heartily for their program and were asked to come back again soon inside of the next 300 years. When they had left 'tis rumored that the school unanimously voted that they had something to be thankful for after all. So you see we are very proud of our little song birds.

HONOR ROLL

From the reports of the last six weeks (not reviews on Eleanor Glynn) thirteen honor students with the average of 30 or below receive scholastic mention. We certainly wish to commend these intellectuals on their fine showing amid such keen competition. In fact the office reports a low supply of red ink due to the close battle for supremacy in these honored places. However, those to receive their gold dumbbells this year are:

Seniors
Cyril Huber Herbert Warner
Thomas Oster

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Russel Beeman

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GOING TO THE DOGS

The old days of Buffalo Bill are gone, a nickel is no good any more unless it is accompanied with a dollar. High School girls, nowadays, are more at home in the English Channel than they are at home studying. But alas the dollar down, a penny a day has gummed the works. We now buy our marbles and football tickets on the installment plan, 10 cents down and a penny a year for seventy-five years. What a world! Noah could have told you that. What we need is more bicycles and study periods, less toothpicks and teachers.

TIDDLEDYWINKS GAME

The annual Tiddledywinks game between the Slobbering Kids and the Bibless Wonders of the Freshman class was played on February 31, at Swissvale High School's New Million Dollar Gymnasium. The game was rather slow and uninteresting as only two men were sent to the Hospital during the first half so the referee called the game off. The feature of the game was the winking of the two Left Winks which shows that they have had lots of practice. The line-up was as follows.

Slobbering Kids Bibless Wonders

LEFT TIDDLEDY
R. Connor Dorothy Hill
RIGHT TIDDLEDY
Treasure Keibler
Gordon Gregory
MIDDLE TIDDLEDY
Cyril Huber Grace Coulter
LEFT WINK
Marion Myers
Geraldine McMinn
RIGHT WINK
Arleen Heimark
Susan Dickson

ADVICE TO THE LOVELORN

GELEANOR HALE

Dear Miss Hale:

I am a little girl 5 ft. 2, in my early teens. I have golden brown hair, limpid grey eyes and a deliciously turned up nose. Would you consider me beautiful? What is the horoscope for July 31?

Wishing you lots of luck.
I remain,
ZARAH ZIGHTS

Dear Miss Zights:

After having studied for a long time I have decided on your horoscope.

I think that you have met a tall beautiful boy, with sleek black hair and blue eyes. But beware! He is a very fickle chap, but I think with your help he will get over this trouble. The July 31 are very fast and nimble-witted.

Yours truly,
GLEANOR HALE

Dear Miss Hale:

We are two boys in a suburb of Pittsburgh and in love with two girls of a neighboring town. Now, Miss Hale, our problem is this although we love these girls dearly, we find it almost impossible to see them because of local girls continually bothering us for dates. We are too kind to break the hearts of these local girls by refusing them. What shall we do?.

Wishing you lots of luck,
CEDRIC SHANE &
ALBERT CHAPMAN

Dear Boys:

The only thing I can advise you to do is to stop going with these girls and take up some other sport.

Yours truly,
GLEANOR HALE

WATER POLO TEAM DEFEATED

Alas, and also alack for those brave heroes who were mutilated by the Margin of 194—0 last New Years in the New Stadium aquarium. They swam their best. Although many bystanders were heard to say that both teams were decidedly all wet, we are sure that they were only a little. This game, Mr. Young announces, will be the last of its kind sponsored by the high school athletics since it is a trifle hard on the male enrollment. However, it is encouraging to note that only sixteen of our squad were drowned in that last massacre although Captain Squack Knorr did remain alive. Assistant Coach Beecher also suffered a severe injury in the form of a scratching while flirting with the catfish at the furthest goal post.

For those deceased heroes a memorial shaft will be raised next winter in the ten foot water by the nearest goal post when the ice will make this admirable objective possible.

The lineup for the last game seems to be:

LEFT END
Zimmerman Mary Thompson
RIGHT END
Granberg Helen Dronsfield
BACK END
Manders Sarah Seitz
REAR END
McCloy Harry Martin

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"The Noise"
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"The Bunk"
Turtle Creek, Pa.

We suggest that you publish something sensible like the College Humor, Whiz Bang, etc.

"N. B. Blabber"
North Braddock, Pa.

It must have taken a lot of crust to publish such a paper; it sure is a crummy affair.

Dumb—"In what way is a piano like a bottle of ink?"

Bell—Don't know. What's the answer?"

Dumb—'Neither can ride a bicycle."

Band

This is the band. Band of what? No telling! Anyway it is the best of our school bands. We have the Rubber Band in Mr. Young's office. It stretches to the high notes easier, but it breaks too soon. Then we have the Hat Band, but it usually goes over the people's heads. Our Band is a near relation to the orchestra, but the orchestra (more refined) says it takes a lot of brass to even mention this. Yes, and the Band is always blowing about it. Miss Hamilton says it will have to stop playing and get down to work. Most of us don't care whether it gets down to work or not, but we wish it would stop playing. It shows it's worth sometimes though.

At the football games it drowns out all the peculiar squeaks in the cheering section, and at the same time frightens the opposing team into submission. Edgewood claims that they originated the huddle system when their bunch of babies gathered around to hold each other's ears at our game. However, the Band promises us that next year will be even more glorious on tintinabulus when they have enlisted the Switch & Signal Corporation's fire whistle.

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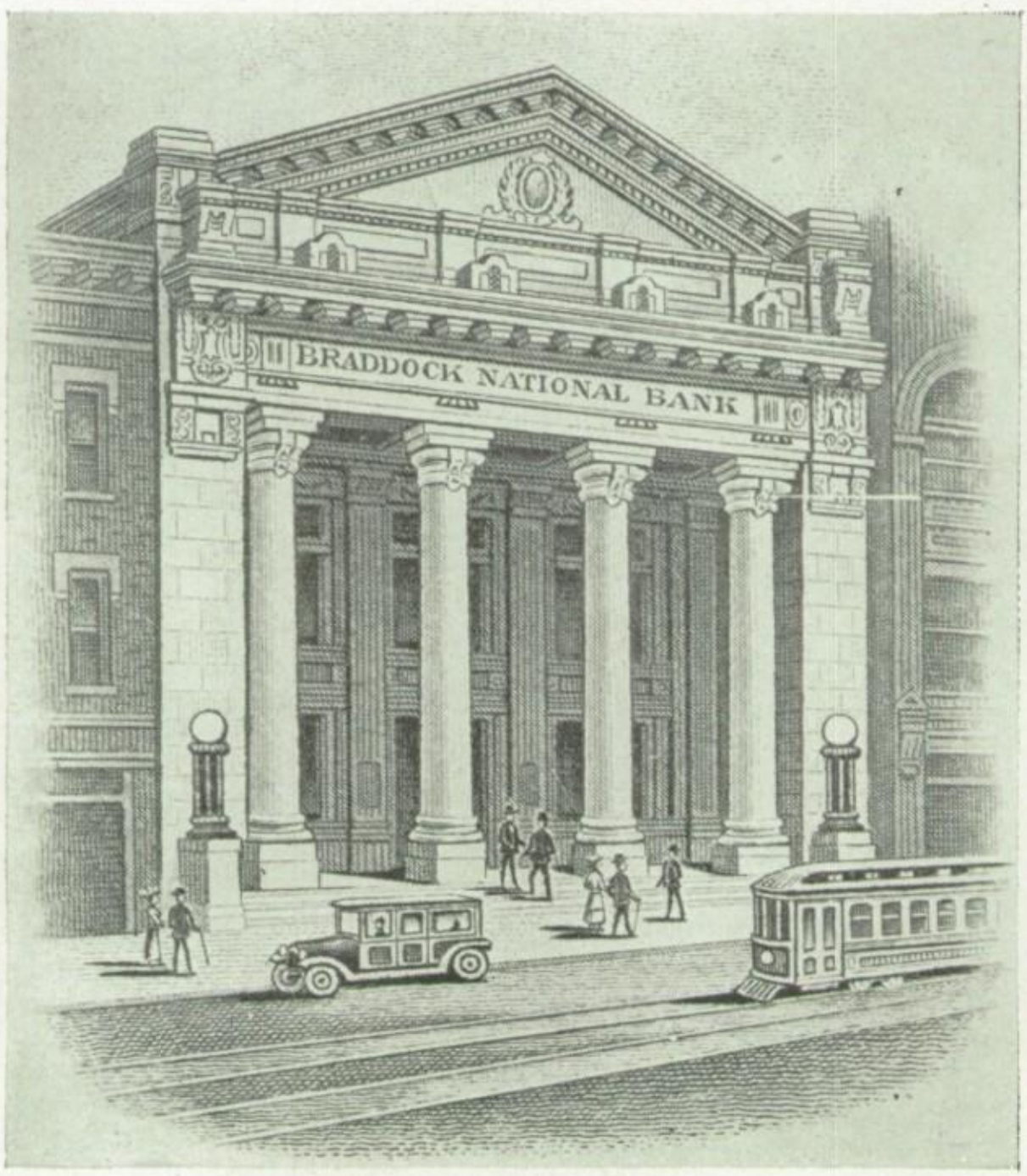

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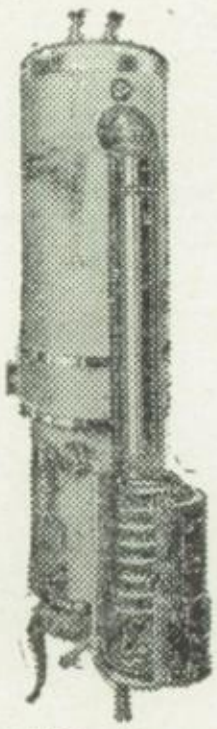

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